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Blooming great! Denise wins award

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A plea for help for little Henry

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Trouble teens are running riot at centre

Teachers struggle to cope with 'out of control' pupils after MK Council leaves them 'short-staffed'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A WHISTLEBLOWER has told MK NEWS how teachers and pupils are fearing for their safety because students are going on the rampage at an education centre.

And they claim the situation is being caused by the fact Milton Keynes Council has failed to provide enough staff at the Central Personalised Education Centre (CPEC) in Coffee Hall to keep the students under control.

In the last two weeks 32 of the 49 students have been excluded following damage to school property, including holes kicked in walls. The damage is expected to cost the council more than £4,000 to repair.

Staff have also been verbally abused and mud and stones have been thrown at cars and members of the public. And our source, who has asked to remain anonymous, claims on one occasion pupils managed to leave the premises and then racially abuse a bus driver.

They said: "Never in my 19 years of being involved with schools have I ever seen behaviour like this.

"Some of the students are scared of those that are causing the damage and parents are concerned for the students' safety.

"The students are out of control and are stopping others who realise this is their last chance to get some qualifications to be able to go on to further education or employment."

CPEC provides support for 14 to 16-year-olds with behaviour issues when mainstream school may no longer be the most suitable education option for them.

There are currently 13 members of staff – five fewer than the centre claims it needs.

Staff is provided by the Milton Keynes Behaviour Partnership, which is part of the council and includes secondary school headteachers from across the borough.

A council spokesman said: "We are aware, through the behaviour partnership, of the recent challenges at CPEC. In response, the partnership provided immediate support through additional leadership and teaching staff, which has alleviated the issues."

But in response the whistleblower said: "What a load of rubbish. They have got one new guy in and two external staff from another Personalised Education Centre who can be called back to their centre at any time."

On Tuesday CPEC will become part of a new academy for personalised education centres in the area, which will take over responsibility for staff.

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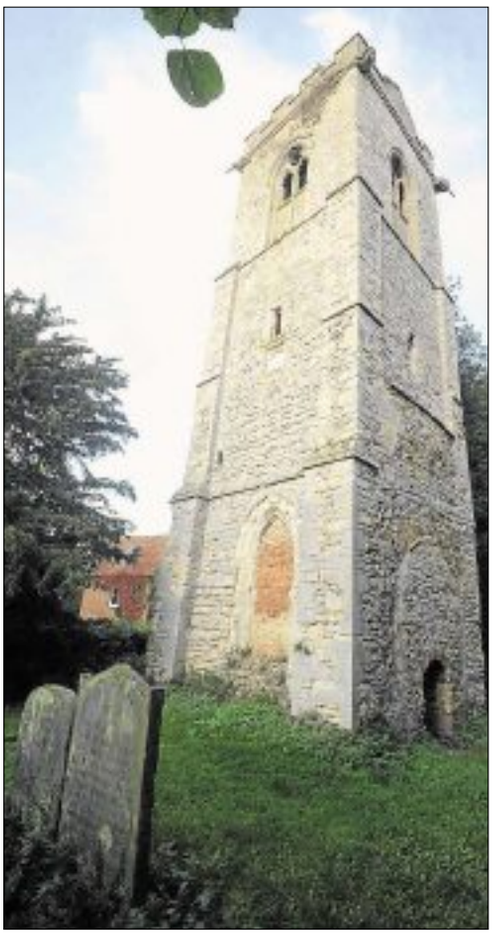

A HISTORIC landmark will be restored thanks to a £49,000 grant.

The grant awarded by not-for-profit company WREN will fund the work on the remaining tower of the St Mary Magdalene church in Stony Stratford so that it can be used for events and by community groups.

Schools use the site but the tower is so dilapidated there was a chance public access would have had to be restricted.

Now the project has the funding, its future is secure.

Phil Snell, project manager at Milton Keynes Council, said: "The tower is ingrained in the local area. It's on the emblem of the local football team and the community is passionate about its existence, as well as the folk stories and history that come with it.

"Being able to secure the WREN funding has been key to preserving the tower's integrity when restoration work begins next spring.

"Hopefully its heritage will live on another 500 years."

The Tower of Church of St Mary Magdalene is one of 19 projects awarded a grant from WREN's Heritage Fund scheme, which helps to protect listed buildings in Britain.

Managing director, Peter Cox, said: "We're delighted to support the restoration of Mary Magdalene Tower and look forward to the project progressing."

Cash: WREN has given money for the restoration of the tower of the St Mary Magdalene church

Can you offer cats a purr-fect home?

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AN ANIMAL charity is facing a cat crisis due to a huge influx of felines.

More than 100 kittens and 90 cats are in the boarding facilities of the Milton Keynes and North Bucks RSPCA.

The situation is so bad that local centres are unable to take in any more cats.

Now the organisation is asking for the public's help to find new homes for the animals.

It will be holding a re-homing event at the Heath and Reach Veterinary Surgery in Bedfordshire on Saturday, October 5.

All the cats are fully vaccinated and micro-chipped but the kittens will need neutering when they are four months old.

Sarah Hart, RSPCA cat homing co-ordinator, believes the crisis is mainly down to owners not being able to afford to get their cats neutered.

"As a result of cats not being neutered we have picked up eight litters in the last week," she said.

"People need to take responsibility for their animals and with the new Vets4Pets clinic at Pets at Home in Bletchley being so affordable, there is no excuse."

Cat lovers can also help the RSPCA by fostering a cat, with all costs covered.

The re-homing event takes place between 2 and 4pm and the RSPCA is asking for a £55 donation cat that is taken.

■ An RSPCA shop has been refurbished in Queensway, Bletchley. It will be opened by Sky News Sunrise presenter Stephen Dixon on Friday.

Police chief 'welcomes' late night levy

THE implementation of a late night levy has been welcomed by Milton Keynes' local policing area commander Barry Halliday.

The scheme, given the go-ahead by the council's licensing committee, will see nightclubs and bars who serve alcohol from 1-6am pay a levy for the privilege of doing so.

And Superintendent Halliday said the levy would 'support the policing of the night time economy'.

He said: "If it is possible to prevent just one life changing incident and ensure that a criminal offence is avoided, then the late night levy will be a worthwhile initiative.

"This is also great for the business community as they can now promote that they operate in a safe place and they can encourage members of the public to enjoy an evening in an area which is substantially policed."

Revamp: Louise Reidy with Lily Swirzczc, two, and Phoebe Titchmarsh, 10, at the park

£50k grant for play park

A LOCAL resident has managed to secure £50,000 to improve their dilapidated play park in Galley Hill.

Louise Reidy, 37, turned to WREN, which provides grants for community projects, for help after Milton Keynes Council was unable to fund the entire project.

The council, which has managed to contribute £4,000 towards the new facilities, advised Louise to approach WREN for further funding for the park in Clailey Court.

She said: "The equipment is dirty and has been there since I was a kid. With the funding we hope to have a caterpillar slide, a trampoline, a new roundabout and a treehouse.

"It will transform the lives of people around here. The play park had become a bit of a blot on the landscape, but this new area will hopefully be a great addition for the future."

Chance to shape future of estate

BY JAMES AVERILL
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RESIDENTS living on the Lakes Estate will be able to have their say on how the area will look in the future.

Under The Localism Act, the Government has given communities more power to decide the future of the places where they live and work.

And Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council has been working with David Lock Associates in Central Milton Keynes to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan to improve the Lakes Estate, which was built in the 1960s to accommodate people coming to live and work in the city from London.

Residents now have the chance to give their thoughts, feedback and ideas during a series of consultations over the coming weeks.

Barbara Sullivan, regeneration officer at the council, told MK NEWS: "To be absolutely clear there are no definite plans yet.

"What we are offering residents is a chance to shape how their estate will look and we will have a number of drop-in sessions for them to give us their feedback.

"Some of the development plans will include new entrances to the estate, new shopping alternatives and more residential properties."

Members of the public will then be offered the chance to take part in a referendum – expected to be held in May next year – to agree or reject the Neighbourhood Plan.

To find out the dates of the consultation contact Mrs Sullivan on 01908 633781.

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Mayor judging cards

THE Mayor of Milton Keynes, Brian White, will judge a competition to design his Christmas card. Entries are open to all under 16s and can be sent, along with a name and age, to 42 Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford. The competition is in aid of one of his charities, Ted's Gang.

Pothole payouts

MK NEWS can reveal that Milton Keynes Council has paid out £22,000 for damage caused to vehicles by potholes on the city's roads. The money was issued between April 2012 and April this year.

Fire scares neighbour's kids

THE neighbour of a semi-detached house that caught fire in Bletchley has told how 'scared' his children were.

Gintaras Bauza, 35, lives on one side of the house in Western Road that caught fire last Tuesday evening.

He said: "My two kids were very scared. We rushed out of the house. I forgot to close the top bedroom window as I was more worried about getting my kids out. That room has been affected by smoke and is unlivable."

A 33-year-old woman has been arrested on suspicion of arson and has been bailed until October 16.

Celebration of 25-year link

MEMBERS of Wavendon Twinning Association celebrated 25 years of being linked to Presles-en-Brie in France with a visit last weekend.

The event was hosted by Mayor of Presle, Dominic Rodriguez, and the Comite de Jumelage (Twinning Committee) in Presles.

It was attended by Wavendon Parish Council chairman David Hopkins and Libby Marsh, former chairman of Wavendon Twinning Association.

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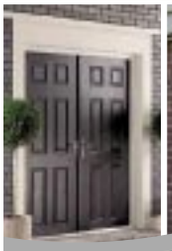

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Brakes should be put on school BMX track

BUILDING a BMX track so close to Butter Row in Wolverton is completely ludicrous and totally unacceptable (*Wheels in motion for BMX track, MK NEWS, September 18*).

I'm sure many of the residents of Butter Row share my view on the plans by Radcliffe School for these reasons.

Location – The proposed route runs too closely to the residents' homes.

This can lead to potential damage to all of our properties during the building of the track and through the use of it as bikes would be jumping near our garden fences.

Damage to local wildlife – Despite the recent building developments of Bellway/Barratt/David Wilson around this area, the surrounding local wildlife, such as wild rabbits, foxes, birds etc, has managed to be maintained and preserved.

Replacing this with a BMX track would be damaging to the ecosystem and is cruel.

Increase levels of Anti-social behaviour – Attractions like this would bring in unwelcome attendees that would not use the BMX track in a proper way in an area that has grown to be a safe and very nice.

Myself and other residents of Butter Row will not be welcoming or tolerating any person who enters the BMX track and has easy access to our back gardens and will potentially break into households. This matter would be very difficult to police on a daily basis.

Pollution – This would increase noise pollution during the building of the BMX track and when it is being used. This will also be disruption to all of the residents when the site is being built. Dust and dirt will also be kicked up from the site.

This will lead to a decrease in value of the surrounding properties.

My solution to this to either move the track towards the back of the school where the football fields are or move it to an area where it does not conflict with other residential areas.

Scott Clenaghan
Sent by email

Traffic wardens should pay to park their cars

I READ your recent article on parking with interest.

I have to admit I was slightly irritated to drive into the city recently and could not park outside work because there were three traffic wardens' cars parked in the pay and display spaces and guess what – none of them had paid for a ticket.

I would like to ask Milton Keynes Council why not?

I was therefore forced to park a long way off and walk in. Why don't traffic wardens pay and display like everyone else?

We are now in the third year of Conservative rule of the council and despite the promise by their leader that 'within 100 days of Tory rule they would scrap parking charges'.

I wonder if they will ever get round to doing it. Or if they will treat everyone equally, including traffic wardens, and make them pay – after all we're all in this together, aren't we?

Sam Potts
North Crawley

Wheely useful scheme

REGARDING your article about wheelchair parks being introduced at Milton Keynes Hospital (*MK NEWS, September 18*).

On the one hand it will be another worry – do I have the money for a wheelchair?

But on the other at least you will know where to go and look for one and where to take it back to when you are finished with it.

Having had to look for a wheelchair when I took my father to the hospital last year, a scheme like this would have been helpful as we had to scour the corridors looking for an abandoned one.

So, on balance, I think this is a useful and needed initiative.

Paul Griffiths
Sent via email

Spice up choice in MK

I READ with interest the article in last week's MK NEWS that several restaurants will be opening at the new MK1 Leisure Park.

These include Frankie and Benny's, which I noticed in another article will also be opening in Kingston.

Is there any chance we could have a bit of variety? Whenever I read of new restaurants opening they are the same old names. Would there be any harm in establishing a few independent ones?

While I understand part of MK's attraction is that it offers big names, I worry that if we continue to offer the same every time there is a development we will be no different to any place nearby.

John Carter
Bletchley

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

Personal grooming – the Turkish way

Eye-watering: A barber uses wax to remove Jon Brett's nose hair

I'VE HAD a few close shaves in my life, but none more so than during my two week honeymoon in Turkey.

I can confirm Turkish men take personal grooming VERY seriously. Having sampled an authentic Turkish bath – soaped up and flung around a marble slab – I thought it fitting that I experience a Turkish shave.

Walking through the bazaar in Marmaris, the largest in Turkey outside of Istanbul, there is no shortage of barbers offering a shave at the very competitive price of 5TL (Turkish Lira) – about £2 at current exchange rates.

Choosing one such establishment, it wasn't long before I was slapped in the chair, head back and foamed up with cut throat razor poised. And as the barber set about me like a crazed Zoro, all of a sudden he stopped and said in broken English: "Your nose hair. It is like a forest. Turkish men have no nose hair."

And before I could do anything about it, my barber was pasting on hot red wax over the tip of my nose and up both nostrils. "Breathe through your mouth," I was instructed.

With alarming speed, he continued with the shave as the wax set, then put the clippers over my head before massaging my scalp, relaxing me before the wax removal.

Slowly prising the wax over the tip of my nose – removing hundreds of previously unseen blackheads at the same time – he tried to distract me, but I knew what was coming and, in a flash, the wax was torn from my face, much to the hilarity of my new wife who filmed the whole thing on her camera!

I was shown the results and, sure enough, a forest had been removed from my nostrils. Wiping the tears from my eyes, I have to say the results were impressive.

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Family gets dog out of a 'Pickle'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A FAMILY from Bletchley has come to the rescue of one of Battersea Dogs and Cats Home's most mischievous mutts after seeing his story on TV.

Nearly five million viewers tuned in to Paul O'Grady's For The Love of Dogs, which featured Mr Pickles, dubbed Battersea's 'naughtiest dog'.

The two-year-old Beagle caused chaos by jumping on tables, pilfering shoes, raiding bins and being rather loud.

He was filmed during his third stint in kennels after his previous owners decided they were unable to cope with his animal antics.

He even received a helping hand from O'Grady himself, who tried to teach the hyper hound some do's and don'ts in a bid to help him find a new home.

And after viewing his TV escapades, the home, which takes in almost 9,000 animals every year, was flooded with telephone calls offering to adopt the hound.

But the lucky (assuming he behaves) family to take him home was experienced Beagle owners Gordon Pitt and Christine Harland.

Christine said: "When we saw Mr Pickles' story on the Paul O'Grady show we were in floods of tears.

"He's only young and has had a really unsettled start to life, so you can understand his behaviour.

"Taking him on has been quite an experience, but with hard work and perseverance he's finally becoming a happier and better behaved dog and is so affectionate.

"We've got through quite a few pairs of shoes as he likes chewing things, but there's never a dull moment with him around!"

Rob Young, who is the head of dog re-homing at Battersea, added: "You couldn't write the script.

"Mr Pickles certainly lived up to reputation at Battersea but he had lots of fans here, including Paul O'Grady. Mr Pickles has really landed on his paws with his new family and we're so pleased to hear how well he's getting on."

Cheeky chappy: Loveable Beagle Mr Pickles may look sad here, but his 'naughty' TV antics lead to him being rehomed with a family in Bletchley

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Free Forces tickets

SERVING members of the Armed Forces will be able to attend MK Dons' home match with Walsall on November 2 for free as part of the Club's Armed Forces Big Day. Their friends and families, along with veterans and cadets, can also attend the match for just £10 for adults and £3 for under-18s. For a full list of prices visit www.mkweb.co.uk.

MPs' visit to Oakhill

MILTON Keynes MPs paid a visit to Oakhill Secure Training Centre to see work being done with young offenders. The centre, operated by G4S, accommodates 80 young people. Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, said: "The work staff do to get young offenders to pay back the community is exactly what I want to see our criminal justice system doing."

Striking firefighters told they can return

BUCKS Fire Service has agreed workers who are going on strike today can return in the event of a major incident.

Such an agreement had not previously been in place and the southern branch of the Fire Brigades Union had said it was 'extremely concerned' about the service's plans.

But Jason Thelwell, the service's chief operating officer, said: "Firefighters who are on strike have agreed to volunteer to return to work in the event of a major incident and will be on duty from 9am to noon and 4-6pm."

Read the latest on the strikes at www.mkweb.co.uk

Kids hurled stones at bus

A GROUP of young people threw rocks and stones through a bus window at the weekend.

The gang of offenders hurled several missiles at the bus in Jonathans, Coffee Hall, before running away from the scene on Saturday.

No-one was hurt in the attack, which is now being investigated by Thames Valley Police.

Anybody with information about the incident is urged to call police on 101, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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Star quality: Kaylea Nicholls found out she had bagged two big roles within hours

Performer's day to remember

A PERFORMER had a day to remember when she won two big roles within just a few hours.

Kaylea Nicholls from Broughton, who attends Arts1 School of Performance in Milton Keynes, successfully auditioned for Dunstable's pantomime at the Grove Theatre, where she will star as a dancer alongside Leslie Grantham in Dick Whittington.

And just hours later, the 12-year-old found out her theatre school's team had won the chance to compete in the CBBC TV programme Sports Relief Does Glee.

Kaylea said: "It was a great day and I was surprised to get both.

"Rehearsals start for the pantomime pretty soon, so I will carry on practicing all kinds of dancing."

'Illegal' housing almost doubles

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE number of families being 'illegally' housed in bed-and-breakfasts by Milton Keynes Council has almost doubled, Government figures revealed this week.

At the end of March the authority had 35 families in temporary accommodation, but by June 30 the figure had risen to 60. It is illegal for councils to house families in temporary accommodation for more than six weeks.

The figures placed Milton Keynes fourth in England, behind Hounslow, Redbridge and Tower Hamlets.

But Cllr Edith Bald, the cabinet member for housing, said the council has been caught out by its failure to build more houses earlier.

"Unfortunately we have had an increase in demand coupled with a very low supply of housing," she told MK NEWS.

"But we had a number of policy changes in June where small families, by which I mean a mum and dad or a single parent with a child, would previously need a two-bedroom house, but we have now put them in one-bedroom accommodation. That has taken a further 10 families off of that list.

"Nevertheless, we know it is still a bad start and we can't become complacent."

Housing Minister Mark Prisk has said there is 'no excuse' for unlawful housing by councils.

But Cllr Bald added the Department of Communities and Local Government has been made 'aware' of the problems in Milton Keynes.

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A CHARITY rowing marathon will be taking place at Bletchley Leisure Centre until Friday. 'Row a Marathon for Macmillan' began on Monday and is raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. People can donate at the centre as the rowers try to reach their 26 mile target.

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BMI Saxon Clinic is supporting The Big Health Pledge. The campaign is encouraging people to look at their lifestyle choices and pledge to improve their health. The campaign is also raising awareness of the UK's top five preventable killers.

'Disappointing' fake ID checks

POLICE have said a fake ID check in the city was 'disappointing'.

Nine premises were assessed throughout the week as part of the force's operation.

It was carried out to educate licensees about the importance of checking identification and spotting fake ID.

Police licensing team co-ordinator, Ben Clarke said: "While it was disappointing that so many of the licensed premises failed to spot the fake ID, it is far more disappointing that such a large proportion didn't even request it in the first place."

Bletchley Park hut opens

THE newly restored Hut 11 used to help break the Enigma code at Bletchley Park opens to the public tomorrow.

The hut, formerly nicknamed the Hell Hole by the Women's Royal Naval Service, was funded by a £250,000 legacy left by Bletchley Park veteran, Maureen Jones.

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■ Which famous face has been to Bletchley Park? Turn to page 20 to find out.

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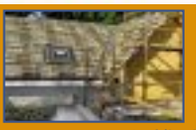

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‘Shocked’ over worker arrests

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THE manager of a restaurant where four illegal workers were arrested has said he was ‘shocked’ by the Home Office swoop.

Officers visited Silk Road restaurant in Grafton Gate on Wednesday last week, where individuals were questioned over whether they had the right to be in the UK.

They arrested four men from Bangladesh. One was found to have overstayed his visa, while two had entered the country illegally. A fourth man was working in breach of his visa conditions.

Yesterday, Abdul Hoq, Silk Road’s manager, told MK NEWS: “It was a bolt out of the blue.

“I can’t comment too much as we will be sitting down with solicitors this week.

“We would not knowingly do this as we do not want to hamper our business.”

The workers will face removal from the country if they are found to have no right to remain.

And the restaurant was served a notice warning that a civil penalty of up to £10,000 per illegal worker will be imposed unless proof is provided that the correct checks were carried out.

The arrests came just 10 days after the restaurant received a zero star hygiene rating from MK Council.

Silk Road had previously been named in the Cobra Good Curry Guide for 2013, but the book’s writer, Peter Chapman, told MK NEWS he was ‘sad that the restaurant appeared to have failed to work within the law’.

Arrests: Four illegal workers were arrested at Silk Road

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Boozers will pay for drunk tanks

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A COMPANY that provides security to pubs and clubs in the city has backed plans to introduce 'drunk tanks' for people who have had too much alcohol on nights out.

The idea, which is being backed by police forces nationwide, including Thames Valley, aims to put intoxicated revellers in privately-run drunk tanks and make them pay for their stay.

If the scheme goes ahead, it would reduce the cost to police of holding drunk people in cells and save time and resources for the NHS which treats them.

Peter Green, owner of training and security provider Clearwater People based in Bletchley Park, said he feels the scheme is a good idea.

"I think something like drunk tanks would be advantageous to support the police locally," said Mr Green.

"I don't think a lot of people intentionally go out to get drunk, but if they do, and if someone is going to take care of them, then something like this could be good.

"I think if security companies can contribute to it and people pay for their stays then that is a fair cost."

The scheme has also been backed by Thames Valley's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Anthony Stansfeld.

He said: "Taxpayers should not be picking up the bill for drunkenness.

"We will continue to try and find innovative ways to address the adverse effects of the night-time economy, reducing demand on police."

MK NEWS tried to contact Local Policing Area Commander Barry Halliday, but he was unavailable for comment.

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Plans for a new look rail station

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A TOWN council has revealed its plans for a second building at its railway station.

Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council wants to upgrade facilities once the East West Rail Consortium finishes its plans to reconnect Bedford with Oxford by train.

Members feel the current layout of Bletchley Railway Station cuts it off from the area, while commuters have to walk a quarter-of-a-mile around the station and the surrounding land to get to the town.

They argue the new building, which could be funded by redeveloping the surrounding land, will reconnect the station with the town.

But E'Amonn O'Rourke, a town councillor who represents the Fenny Stratford ward, says the project has not been backed by Milton Keynes Council.

"We are desperately trying to get MK Council to react to what is happening and help us," he said. "At the moment nobody coming to the station will even realise there is a town round the corner as it looks a bit like the Berlin Wall."

A council spokesman said: "A new look railway station for Bletchley is featured in our Local Transport Plan, subject to funding, and we will continue to look closely at all options."

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Keeping faith: Henry Allen and his parents Mark and Dawn face an 'agonising' waiting game, but have urged the people of Milton Keynes to continue donating to the appeal as they try and find enough money for treatment abroad

'We won't give up'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE parents of Henry Allen have said they will not give up on trying to get treatment for their son – and has called on MK to become a 'city of angels' to help save the four-year-old.

Mark and Dawn Allen from Bletchley have spent the week at the John Radcliffe hospital in Oxford, where Henry is being treated after a scan discovered more tumours.

Henry is battling against neuroblastoma, a cancer which affects the nervous system, and £500,000 needs to be raised to send him to America or Germany for treatment after options were exhausted on the NHS.

Readers have flocked to our website – www.mkweb.co.uk – to find out how to donate to The Henry Allen Appeal and his dad Mark released the following statement:

"Henry has finished a five day intense burst of high dose chemotherapy, and is feeling extremely poorly at the moment.

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"The hospital there does not serve for cardiac problems or major trauma, which means anything that falls into that category has to be transferred to the John Radcliffe in Oxford.

"For a land ambulance that is a journey that will take nearly an hour even with the siren on. But the same journey would take us about 12 minutes."

Crucial too is the size of the ambulance. My overriding impression when I first gaze at it is that it's rather small.

But Neil informs me that it is actually the optimum size.

"Ninety-five per cent of the places where we land are either beside a small paddock, in an enclosed space in the countryside or on the motorway," he said. "If the ambulance was any bigger we wouldn't be able to land it in most of the places we need to. That's not to say that it's cramped. It's actually the perfect size and there isn't a part of it that isn't used in some way."

Neil and his fellow paramedic, Lee Payne, have

Heroes: Pilot Ges and paramedics Lee and Neil next to BOB

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Waiting game: Paramedic Neil Plant waits to be called into action at the BOB base at RAF Benson

already been called out once that morning, along with pilot for the day Ges Charlton.

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Veteran is filmed for Brian Cox TV show

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A BLETCHLEY Park veteran who took part in the filming of a BBC show can't wait to watch the programme when it's broadcast.

Captain Jerry Roberts, 92, is the last surviving member of a team of cryptographers who worked in the Testery deciphering messages from Hitler and the high command using the Lorenz system, which codebreakers called 'Tunny'.

He features alongside popular TV star Professor Brian Cox, who presents the Science Britannica programme which will feature a section on Bletchley Park when it is broadcast today at 9pm on BBC Two.

Jerry, who now lives in Hampshire, said: "Brian was very interested in finding out how the human mind works and how we cracked the code.

"It's very difficult to explain other than saying that you would have an instinct as to what something meant and you would follow that instinct."

Following the filming, Captain Roberts said that the TV professor has become 'a good friend'.

"He's a thoroughly nice chap and has become something of a friend since filming. He sent me a signed copy of his last book."

But Captain Roberts is keen to see more recognition of the work done by his colleague Bill Tutte, who led the team that used the Lorenz system.

"Enigma decrypts helped Britain not to lose the war in 1941," he said.

"Tunny decrypts helped shorten the war by at least two years. I've been fighting to see Bill get more recognition than he does and I hope that changes."

Speaking about its show, the BBC said: "Brian Cox guides viewers through 350 years of British science to reveal what science really is, who the people are who practice it and how it is inextricably linked to the past, present and future of each and every one of us."

Brainiacs: Professor Brian Cox, *left*, with Captain Jerry Roberts during BBC filming at Bletchley Park in August last year

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£1k offered after spate of burglaries

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A REWARD of up to £1,000 is being offered by Crimestoppers for information that leads to the arrest and charge of those responsible for a spate of garage and shed burglaries across the city.

Between May and the end of August there were more than 120 offences which took place at night.

The burglars entered garages with an internal door attached to a home, as well as sheds and stand alone garages.

They broke in by drilling through by the locks of wood and metal skinned doors, causing between £500 and £750 worth of damage each time.

The wood doors were drilled near the lock, while the metal doors were cut through using an unknown implement.

Once inside, the burglars took a large amount of property, including high value pedal cycles, motorbikes, power tools, golf clubs and fishing equipment.

But Thames Valley Police has moved to reassure residents it is doing all it can to stop the thefts.

Acting Detective Inspector, Matt Darnell, said: "Please be assured that this crime series is being thoroughly investigated. Policing has been increased in what are thought to be targeted areas and directed patrols are still regularly taking place."

Anyone with information should contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, or Thames Valley Police on 101.

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Raising a cup to ambitious Darcie

AN AMBITIOUS 15-year-old has brewed up a big tea party to raise money for charity.

Darcie Lewis-Copus, from Walnut Tree, *pictured*, wanted to hold afternoon tea in her front room to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

But after causing quite a stir about the event she has managed to secure a venue at SNAP in Walnut Tree and got Tea Monkey to sponsor it. The party will take place on Saturday from 2-4pm.

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700 homes in debt since 'bedroom tax'

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THE number of households falling behind with their rent payments has more than doubled since the 'bedroom tax' was introduced earlier this year.

Figures released by Milton Keynes Council on Monday show that 942 households living in accommodation rented out by the authority have been affected by the new Government legislation.

Of those, 716 are now in arrears with their rent, compared to 346 in March – a rise of 107 per cent.

The council has come up with a number of initiatives to help people who are struggling to pay their rent.

These include £1.5million set aside in a discretionary fund to help residents facing genuine difficulty in meeting their rent or council tax payments.

Cllr Edith Bald, the cabinet member responsible for housing, said: "We knew that these changes would be particularly difficult for some local people to manage, which is why we set up funds to help those facing genuine hardship.

"We are also busy encouraging people to seek a mutual housing exchange if they need to 'downsize' or move into somewhere bigger."

The council has said it is not possible to tell if all of the households are in arrears as a direct result of the bedroom tax, which was introduced in April and cuts the amount of benefit people can get if they are deemed to have a 'spare' room.

Kate Hunter, a member of the Justice Benefit Campaign in MK, said: "The Government should not be putting people through pain and misery when there is no where for them to move to.

"The idea of the bedroom tax is not workable and it is prolonging the agony for vulnerable people to not scrap it now."

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Bridge contains piece of history

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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ORIGINAL members of a town swimming club attended the opening of a new bridge over the river where they used to take a dip.

The bridge in Riverside Meadows, Newport Pagnell, links the town to Milton Keynes and crosses the River Lovat in Willen Road.

More than 60 years ago residents in Newport Pagnell bathed in the river, which is also where children learned how to swim.

The bridge has replaced the old one that had occupied the site for about 100 years. The steps going into the river where people used to bath have been preserved, while parts of the old bridge have been used under the new one.

At the opening on Thursday, 12 members of the swimming club shared their happy memories of learning to swim in the river.

One of the swimmers, Ralph Mazone, said: "Swimming at the baths made a real difference in later life. I would swim one mile, twice a week."

Bridging the gap: Mayor of Milton Keynes Brian White, Cllr Douglas McCall, Connie Hilton and Mayor of Newport Pagnell John Smith

The mayors of Milton Keynes and Newport Pagnell attended the opening ceremony, with the ribbon cut by Connie Hilton, a member of the town's historical society.

Mayor of Newport Pagnell, John Smith, said: "It was brilliant and the bridge is now in place with a bit of history with it."

He added that as well as representing the history of Newport Pagnell, the bridge opens up a better link to Milton Keynes.

"People will use the bridge to go to work, kids will use it to go to school and it will be useful for those walking to Newport Pagnell's shopping area," he said. "It will be used all through the day and is an important access link."

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Jumping forward: An artist's impression of what the 'Leaping Man' statue will look like on the Fen Street roundabout

A giant leap for MK

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IT'S one small step for man, one giant leap for MK as a statue which gained its inspiration from Greg Rutherford's London Olympics success last year moves one step closer to reality.

Planning permission has been granted by Milton Keynes Council for the 8.7-metre 'Leaping Man' statue to be built by Gazeley Properties.

The stainless steel structure will be built on the Fen Street roundabout on the A421 next to Magna Park.

Gazeley Properties Ltd's planning director, Don Morgan, said no timescale has yet been set on the £100,000 project because technical details have to be sorted out with the Highways Authority. But he said he was delighted with how the statue was progressing.

"This is a great step forward," said Mr Morgan.

"It's been difficult getting something sorted which everybody feels comfortable with, but it's great that the planning application has been approved."

The original inspiration for the statue was the gold medal won by long-jumper Greg Rutherford, who lives in Woburn Sands, but that vision has now expanded so that the statue symbolises Milton Keynes as a place which enjoys success.

"We will always have an association with Olympic success now," said Councillor David Hopkins, chairman of Wavendon Parish Council, which represents the area where the statue will be built.

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Roaring success: Leo the Lion with children's ward patient Ben Cole-Witkowski, 10, his sister Freya, three, and Sister Alison Turner

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AN APPEAL is hoping to raise £200,000 to improve the children's ward at Milton Keynes Hospital.

Leo's Appeal, including its big friendly lion mascot of the same name, wants to brighten up the time small children and babies spend in hospital.

And with the funds it hopes to refurbish areas in the ward, create a fun sensory room and install additional play equipment to keep patients entertained.

The appeal has already managed to raise £2,000 following support from local groups such as the ID Medical Group in Wolverton and Midsummer Place Shopping Centre.

A quiz night involving 50 hospital staff members and public supporters also added money to the pot.

Vanessa Holmes, who is the hospital's fundraising manager, is delighted with the support the appeal has already received.

She said: "It's great that people are already supporting us! We'd be delighted to talk to anyone who wants to get involved."

And children's ward manager, Sister Alison Turner, said the appeal has the potential to 'benefit thousands of local children and their families'.

She said: "We want to ensure that every child and family has the best experience possible.

"All the money raised will fund items that we couldn't ordinarily afford, the special items and refurbishments that enable us to go above and beyond for children and their families.

"It will make a huge difference."

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City has blossomed

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EVERYTHING turned out rosy for Milton Keynes after it picked up four big accolades in this year's Thames and Chilterns in Bloom Regional Awards.

Stony Stratford was awarded gold in the Small Town category, while Milton Keynes won the silver gilt award for Large City.

Flower power: Some of the Stony in Bloom committee, *from left*, Ray Cobley, Pat Kid, Yvette Dalal, Judy Deveson and Mary Sarre

Wolverton & Greenleys picked up a silver gilt award for Urban Communities and Simpson and Ashland scooped gold in the Best Village category with its first ever entry to the competition.

A special award was given to Denise Ilett from Wolverton Community Orchard Group for her outstanding commitment to the community.

She said: "I was incredibly surprised when I heard and it was a great result for the whole of Milton Keynes who put hard work into the community, not just me."

The annual event, organised by the Royal Horticultural Society, also recognised areas in the It's Your Neighbourhood Community Group Awards.

Galley Hill Gardeners were rewarded for improving their work at Galley Hill and Stony Stratford and Stony Stratford North End Pond Project was recognised for transforming an area that had been a dumping ground for rubbish.

In addition, York House Community Gardens was seen to be developing well at the youth, arts and community centre in Stony Stratford and The Open University won the award for best Private Park.

Greenfingered schools in Milton Keynes were also recognised in the Mark Mattock School Challenge Cup Award 2013.

White Spire School, in Bletchley, won the Specialised School Award, while Russell Street First School in Stony Stratford and Slated Row School in Wolverton were both commended by the judges.

More than 25 cities, towns, urban communities and villages entered the regional Thames and Chilterns awards.

Judges visited all the entrants throughout July, looking for all-round horticultural achievement. They also assessed year round activities which improve the environment and community participation.

Cllr Peter Geary, Milton Keynes Council's cabinet member for communities and public realm, said: "In a borough proud of its green open spaces and Green Flag status, we're delighted that Milton Keynes has once again produced so many worthy winners in this year's regional competition."

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Top: Denise Ilett has received special recognition for her outstanding commitment to the community Left: Members from the Royal Horticultural Society are escorted through City Gardens in Campbell Park by staff from The Parks Trust and the council during their judging in MK

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Warehouse tour: MEP Keith Taylor with project manager John Marshall at MK Food Bank

Food Bank a 'lifeline'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE city's Food Bank has been hailed as 'a lifeline to those in need' by a Member of the European Parliament (MEP).

Keith Taylor, the Green Party MEP for South East England, visited MK Food Bank on Thursday after slamming the Government's record on poverty.

He visited as part of a tour of his constituency, meeting those most affected by the financial crisis.

Speaking to MK NEWS, Mr Taylor said: "Milton Keynes is the sixth most prosperous city on the planet, yet it still can't feed every person, with 22 per cent of children living in poverty.

"With wages declining, but living expenses increasing, there has been a dramatic increase in arrears in rent and there is not enough money to feed people.

"There needs to be a more intelligent assessment of benefits where there is a system where nobody goes hungry.

"It is the Government's responsibility to build an economy that works for everyone, not only for the rich."

The Food Bank's business development manager, Rebecca Savage, and project manager, John Marshall, met Mr Taylor, who praised the work of the staff and volunteers and their 'great' service to the community.

Miss Savage said: "MK Food Bank has had a 42 per cent increase since last year.

"We gave out 37 child parcels last Monday alone.

"I met a family this week who were three months in rent arrears due to bedroom tax and they are really stuck and need Food Bank's help."

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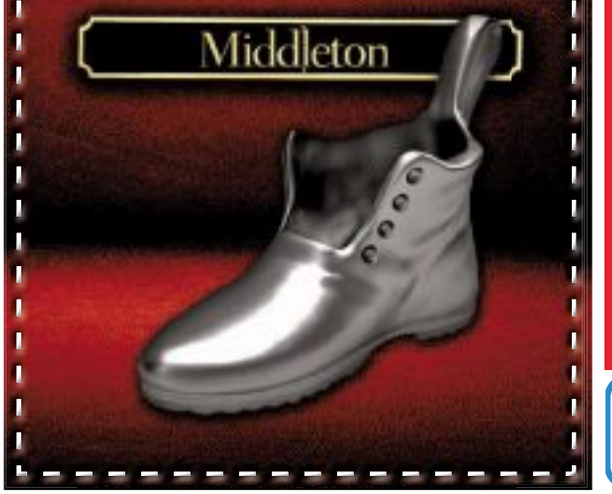

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Councillors for growing parish

BY SCOTT KIRK

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A PARISH council will increase its number of councillors from seven to nine at the next election.

With the workload expected to increase in Wavendon due to extra houses that are likely to be built there over the next 15 years, the parish council needs two more councillors to cope with the extra queries it is expecting.

Four people have already applied for the positions, which will come into effect at the next parish council elections in 2015.

The parish council is expecting the number of dwellings to rise from 380 to more than 3,000 as part of Milton Keynes Council's Core Strategy.

"We are planning for the future and the workload is increasing all the time," said Councillor David Hopkins, chairman of Wavendon Parish Council.

"Because of the planned expansion of Wavendon we could do with increasing the number of councillors serving the area.

"We have already had four people come forward for the roles which is great."

He added that one or two councillors currently sitting on the council may give up their posts by the time of the next election, which means all four people who have applied could become members.

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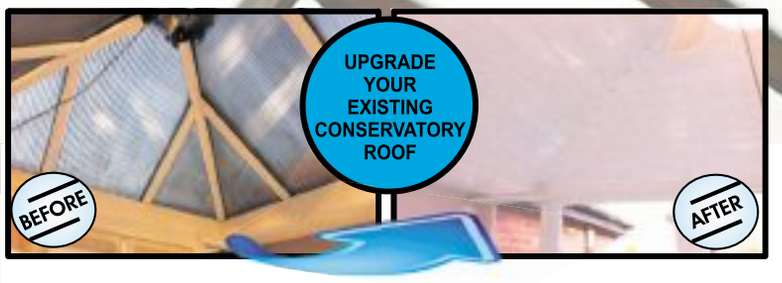

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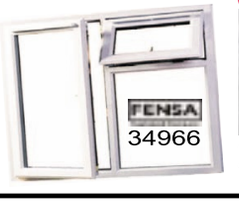

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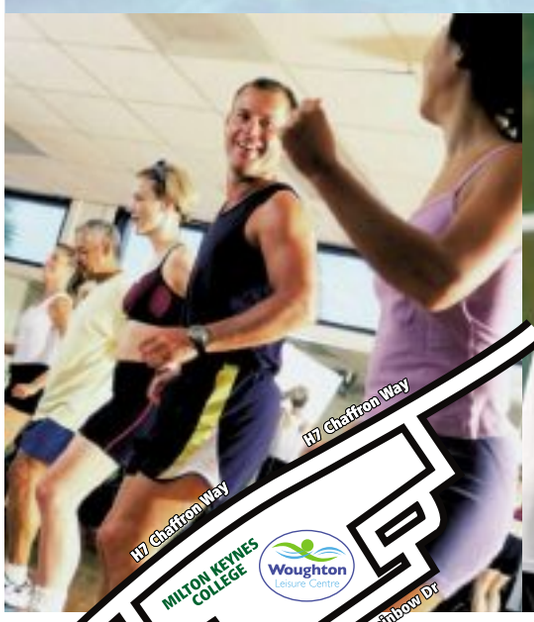

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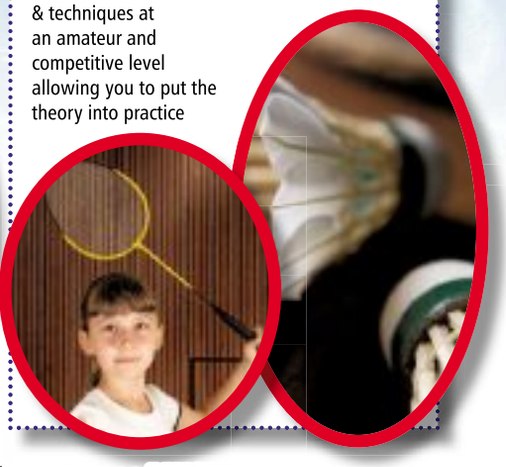

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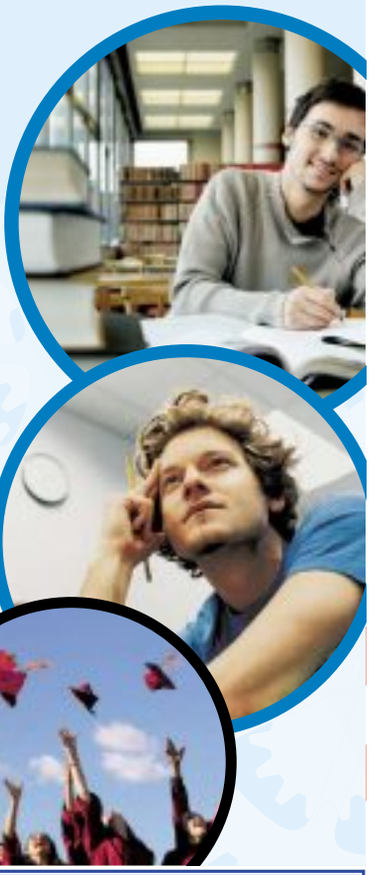

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MKEDUCATION

Students dig in and win award

GREENFINGERED pupils showed they were the pick of the bunch at this year's Thames and Chilterns in Bloom Regional Awards.

White Spire School, in Bletchley, won the Specialised Schools category in the Mark Mattock School Challenge Cup Award when the results were announced on Wednesday last week.

The whole school has been encouraged to dig in and help out in the garden throughout the year.

Pupils have collected seeds, grown and tasted their own organic vegetables, planted flowers and even potted up their own bedding plants and sold them to parents and staff.

The Forest School group also made seats and a table, while the Primary group made scarecrows.

And pupils studying for a BTEC made and planted their own containers.

Russell Street First School in Stony Stratford and Slated Row School in Wolverton were also commended by the judges of the challenge cup.

For more education news
www.mkweb.co.uk/education

Growing their own: Some of the students at White Spire School with a selection of the produce from their vegetable garden

MKEDUCATIONBRIEFS

English folk art project

STANTONBURY Campus and Loughton School have been selected to take part in a learning programme inspired by folk art. The initiative, led by the English Folk Dance and Song Society, will see them develop a project based around folk art. The projects will involve pupils aged from five to 18 years old and will culminate in a conference at Birmingham Town Hall in June next year.

£300 raised for charity

THE Webber Independent School has raised more than £300 for Milton Keynes Hospital's Little Lives Appeal. Last week, the school handed over a cheque for £359.73 to the appeal, which raises funds for children in the hospital's care and their families.

Learning in the forest

CHILDREN from Stoke Goldington CE First School spent a day at Tall Oaks Forest School learning all sorts of woodland crafts. They made small dens for gnomes and fairies before moving on to building bigger ones for themselves. They also made bows and arrows and catapults, working together to design and build them at the school, based in Salcey Forest.

Have your say on new school

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A GROUP of education professionals is planning to open a free school in the city.

The team, which consists of former teachers and experienced educational consultants, is aiming to set up Grace Academy in central Milton Keynes.

But the group is keen to find out whether parents want a new school and is asking for feedback before it enters its submission to the Department for Education (DFE) in January.

The free school would be funded by the Government and if the application is successful, the aim would be to open it in September 2015 starting with reception and pupils in years one and seven.

Sherry Gladwin, a former headteacher who is part of the Grace team, said the school would be unlike any other in MK.

"It would be much more independent," she said.

"It would be a school grounded in Christian ethos, but will not focus on any particular denomination. We want to work with all faiths to strengthen community cohesion. The school would cater for children aged four to 18, with special emphasis on business and enterprise.

"We want children to be confident about starting their own business when they leave school."

For more on this story and to give your views
Visit www.mkweb.co.uk

Former pupil opens pitches

MK DONS star Dele Alli made an emotional return to his old school to open up its new all-weather sports pitches.

The Dons midfielder, aged just 17, left The Radcliffe School just over a year ago, but was there to see in a new era of sporting facilities at the establishment.

The state-of-the-art pitches are the first in a series of redevelopment schemes at the Wolverton school, which will also see the addition of a BMX track, a sports hall and a sixth form suite and media centre.

It follows the £9million sale of land next to the school.

But headteacher, John O'Donnell, was just proud to see a successful former student open the new facilities.

He said: "Dele is a good lad and an excellent example to our current students, many of whom will have been at the school while he was.

"The new pitches will help us continue the Olympic legacy."

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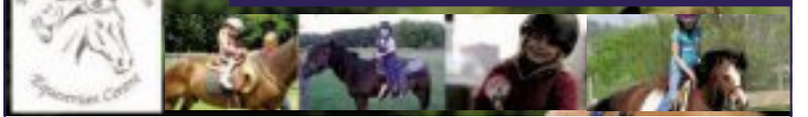

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EAT DRINK AND PARTY

We are now swiftly moving towardsthe festive party season and in Milton Keynes we are spoilt for choice with a variety of different venues to choose from. Whether it be a works party or socialising with your friends, get your party booked in advanced!! In MK News this week, we have a selection of what's on offer to make the start of the party season go with a bang!

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MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

News about issues in the borough, brought to you by Milton Keynes Council

Council takes action to repair roads and pavements across the borough

Cllr John Bint promotes the £50m to be invested on Highways across the borough.

Milton Keynes Council is driving through 'red tape' to carry out road repairs across the borough as part of a £50m highways investment programme.

Hit squads - similar to the recent Pothole Patrols, which cleared up more than 2,700 potholes across Milton Keynes recently - are carrying out repairs to the borough's highways on local hotspots.

Many of these hotspots have been reported by residents and the council has listened to their concerns and is taking action to repair the problems.

Residents can easily report problems on the roads (including potholes), pavements and Redways by going to the council's website **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/** and give details using online forms.

The aim is to get the city's road surfaces into the best possible condition, well before the winter.

The council has already resurfaced 77,000 square metres of roads this year as part of road improvements - the equivalent of 19 football pitches, 200 tennis courts, or the whole of Buckingham Palace.

Also over a six-week period recently, the Pothole Patrol team used more than 250 tonnes of bitumen to fill 2,717 potholes.

Cllr John Bint, cabinet member responsible for Transport and Highways, said: "We have already allocated the budget for these repairs.

"I'm delighted that we are now able to get on with it, and do the work that the public has been calling for."

About 20,000 potholes are repaired every year by the Highways team as a result of reports received from the public and routine inspections.

The council is using special powers to speed up its usual buying procedures, so that planned highway improvement and road safety schemes can continue in parallel.

If spotting a pothole or other road defect please log onto **http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/** or telephone (**01908**) **252353** to report it.

Email: **envservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk** Web link: **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways/**

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Parks in borough are best in country ... and that's official!

Leon Recreation Ground , Chepstow Drive park in Bletchley and Eaglestone Local Park have again been named in a list featuring the very best green areas in the UK.

These green areas, all managed by Milton Keynes Council in partnership with park users, local residents and other community groups, are among a record-breaking 1,447 parks and green spaces that have received a prestigious Green Flag Award.

The national award, handed out by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, recognises and rewards the best parks and green spaces across the country.

A Green Flag flying overhead is a sign to visitors that the space boasts the highest possible standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent facilities.

Leon Recreation Ground, which first won the award in 2011, hosts several events each year including a circus and Midsummer Madness, a busy community event with locals attending in large numbers. The park caters for everyone with an exercise station, playgrounds for all ages, spectacular wild flower displays, a skateboard ramp and youth shelter.

Chepstow Local Park, developed in conjunction with the friends group and West Bletchley Parish Council, gained its first Green Flag in 2007 and offers play areas for all ages, a woodland walk, a pond area, football goals and pleasant walks.

Eaglestone Local Park, developed with the Eaglestone Residents Association and Woughton Community Council, first acquired a Green Flag in 2009 and offers a range of activities and services to the local community with a multi-station park gym, climbing wall and play for all ages.

Cllr Peter Geary, Milton Keynes Council's cabinet member for Communities and Public Realm, said: "Milton Keynes prides itself on having more than 44 million trees with green space making up 40%

Email: **envservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk**
Web link: **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/parks-and-open-space/**

Save money on winter fuel bills- become a community energy switcher

Residents are being invited to join a community energy-switching scheme that could save them more than £150 on their power bills this winter.

Milton Keynes Council has joined forces with energy-switching specialist Ichoosr for 'the big community switch' scheme. Ichoosr enables local communities to form an energy buying group to negotiate a bulk discount deal from power companies.

Ichoosr has successfully helped more than 420,000 people save on average £171 per year on their power bills.

The scheme works by bringing a large group of people together to ask energy companies to bid for their business.

Although savings are not guaranteed, the more people in the scheme the better the deal power companies my offer.

Championing the scheme, Cllr Edith Bald, cabinet member for Finance and Housing, said: "This community scheme has already proved to be a great success and we are now pleased to be able to offer the same benefits of reduced energy bills to citizens in Milton Keynes.

"Everyone can take advantage of the scheme even if you are currently using a pre- payment meter or are on a fixed deal. Signing up is easy online but if you don't have access to the internet you can call Milton Keynes Council who will do it for you."

Once a bulk deal is agreed by Ichoosr, residents that have registered can still opt out if they decide the deal is not for them.

Residents need to register before 15 October to take advantage of the community energy- switching scheme.

The energy deal takes place the next day and residents then have until 25 November to decide whether to take part.

To register online go to **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/bigswitch** or call to register on **01908 252730** from 16 September until 4 October between 10am until noon every weekday (please have your latest energy bill to hand).

Take the Stoptober no smoking challenge

Stoptober - the 28-day national stop smoking challenge - is set to return following its launch in October 2012.

Stopping smoking for 28 days means those taking part are five times more likely to stop for good and last year more than 160,000 people successfully quit in the nation's biggest mass participation stop smoking challenge ever. When joining Stoptober, participants will start receiving as much (or as little) support as they want to keep them on track.

All Stoptober support is free and includes:
Stoptober pack full of information and resources to help you quit

A 28-day mobile phone app and a text message service that provide motivational pick-me-ups Lots of smokers are making October their Stoptober.

According to this year's Stoptober campaign new research based on smokers in the US shows someone who quits smoking for 28 days, and doesn't smoke again, could gain an extra week of life, every 28 days, for the rest of their life.

Those who quit will also experience physical improvements including a better sense of smell, taste and more energy.

Longer term, those who stop smoking reduce their risk of heart disease and lung cancer as well as protecting those around them from secondhand smoke.

Along with the health benefits, stopping will save the average smoker over £150 a month and almost £2,000 a year, based on £7.77 for a packet of cigarettes and an average daily consumption of 13 manufactured cigarettes per smoker.

During last year's Stoptober campaign, the organisers say £25 million was saved by the 160,000 people not buying cigarettes.

Contact the Stop Smoking Service by calling **0845 200 2323** or email **stop.smoking@milton-keynes.gov.uk** to find out more.

Electoral Register is the key to the right to vote

Annual voter registration forms should be popping through letterboxes across the borough by the middle of October.

Residents are invited to check the pre-printed details and let Milton Keynes Council know as soon as possible if they are correct otherwise there is a risk of losing the right to vote at the next Local and European Parliamentary elections in May.

If the Electoral Register details are accurate then residents can:

- Call the free phone number **0800 197 9866**,
- Confirm the details online at **www.registerbyinternet.com/miltonkeynes**,
- Use the text number **80212** or,
- Sign and return the form in the pre-paid envelope.

If the details are different, then alterations (including adding and removing names) should be made to the form and sent back in the pre-paid envelope.

For queries about the annual canvass contact the council's Elections section on **01908 254706** or e-mail **elections@milton-keynes.gov.uk.**

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Debonair flair

A FRENCH stand-up comedian who has appeared on national television is coming to Newport Pagnell's That Time of the Month Comedy Club.

Star of BBC3's Russell Howard's Good News, Live at the Electric and Sky Atlantic's Set List, Marcel Lucont also appeared at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this year.

The Frenchman was also nominated for best international show at the New Zealand Comedy Festival in 2012.

The suave, witty and utterly irresistible Frenchman has proved to be a cult hit worldwide and this is his first UK tour.

The debonair misanthrope delivers slick, sensual comedy featuring deliciously wicked poetry, diary entries, songs and many a jeu d'esprit. Expect acerbic Francophile waggishness, a laconic disdain for the British and a turtleneck jumper.

Tickets cost £8 for the gig, which begins at The Cannon in High Street at 7pm. To book go to www.ttotm.co.uk

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And to a celebrate Oral Health Month, MK LIFE has teamed up with Colgate to offer one lucky person the chance to win the supermarket shopping vouchers.

For your chance to be a winner, simply answer the following question.

Who has Colgate partnered with to bring you Colgate Oral Health Month this year?

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adventurefilm

TEST your skills on a climbing wall and snowboard stimulator when an internationally renowned film arrives at The Chrysalis Theatre.

Special guest, Simon Yates, one of the most successful mountaineers of his time, will also kick off the action-packed The Craghoppers Best of Kendal Film Tour event.

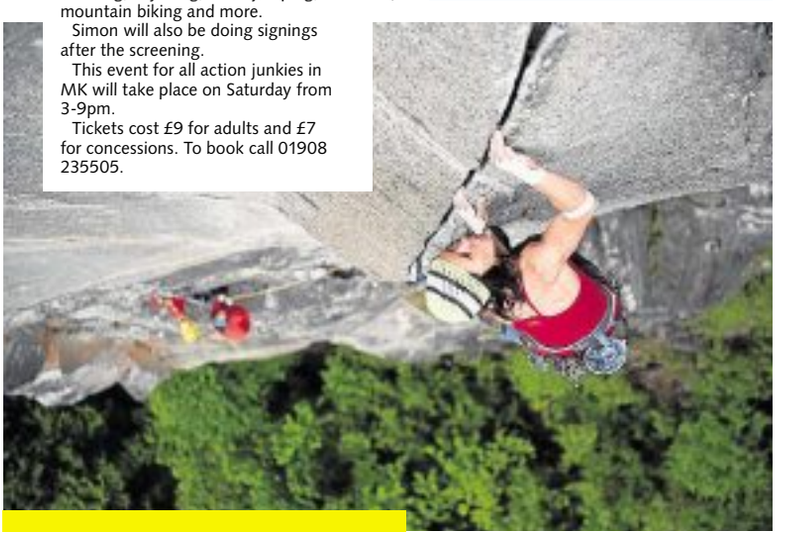
He will introduce the action films that have been screened at one of the world's major film festivals – the Kendal Mountain Festival 2012 – as well as in many countries.

They feature sports such as skiing, climbing, kayaking, BASE jumping, mountain biking and more.

Simon will also be doing signings after the screening.

This event for all action junkies in MK will take place on Saturday from 3-9pm.

Tickets cost £9 for adults and £7 for concessions. To book call 01908 235505.



wildvampire

THIS is certainly one show with a bit of bite...

Vampires Rock, with comedy and rock anthems galore, has been hailed as a show unlike any other.

Steve Steinman plays evil nightclub owner Baron von Rockula, who must convince an unsuspecting singer to become his bride and cross over to Rock N Roll Hell.

Tickets for the 8pm show on Saturday, which takes place at The Stables, cost £25 from www.stables.org

online to read the full review of Ghost visit our website mkweb.co.uk

greatghost

GHOST, the movie, was a big hit in 1990. Ghost The Musical is a huge hit in Milton Keynes, 2013, writes *Judy Riley.*

Oscar-winner Bruce Joel Rubin has adapted his screenplay for the stage and ex-Eurythmics' Dave Stewart and Grammy award-winner Glen Ballard have supplied a musical score which glides neatly into place.

In the movies, anything is possible. Ghosts can disappear through walls and float away. On stage, the tricks have to be much cleverer. Illusionist, Paul Kieve, along with director, Matthew Warchus, has worked his magic to create some extraordinary effects.

Newcomer Stewart Clarke, as Sam, makes a great spook, while this production appears to be Rebecca Trehearn's big break and it's well deserved.

This touring production of Ghost is supernaturally good.

ADAM Price is an assistant surveyor at The Parks Trust. In this column for MK LIFE, he explains how the trust is funded by local properties – all to help maintain the city's green spaces

I'VE worked at The Parks Trust for 18 months and I'm an assistant surveyor in the property team.

I help to manage the trust's portfolio of commercial properties, which includes office developments such as Linford Forum, industrial units at Kiln Farm and local centres including Shenley Church End.

The rent from our properties makes up a large part of the trust's income and people are often unaware that as a self-financing charity we have to generate our own income so that we can keep on looking after the parks.

It's great that our tenants and properties contribute to the parkland, educational activities and events that can be enjoyed by everyone.

One of the best parts of my job is that I get to go out and meet with our wide variety of tenants all over the new city.

My favourite park is Campbell Park, where my office desk looks out over the cricket pitch so I have great views to admire while I work.

My favourite property is the eco-friendly Passive House at Howe Park Wood because it is so unusual and it's the only one of its kind in the city.

fairytaledragon

A BABY fire dragon will fly into Stantonbury Campus Theatre looking for new friends on Sunday.

Dotty the Dragon is an enchanting fairytale with live music and puppets. Those aged three to seven years old will love this funny, heart-warming show, taking place at 2.30pm.

Members of Stantonbury's BUZZZ Pass series can get special offers for this event by emailing their address to theatre@stantonbury.org.uk

Tickets cost £8.50 for adults, £6.50 for children and £26 for a family of two adults and two children from www.stantonbury.org.uk

acousticimages

MK GALLERY will show the Acoustic Images film tomorrow.

The programme, which begins at 6.30pm and is free to watch, brings together a selection of exciting new work by students graduating this summer from the visual communication course at the Royal College of Art in London.

Subject matter and approach ranges from a documentary exploring the apocalyptic Mayan prophecy in a small village in south west France and a sensitive portrait of a 500-year-old building process, to hard edged digitally manipulated landscapes and short 'sketches' caught on iPhone camera.

On Saturday MK-based artist Veronica Cocca will show children aged four years and over how to make collages using unusual material in a free workshop. The event takes place from 1-3pm.

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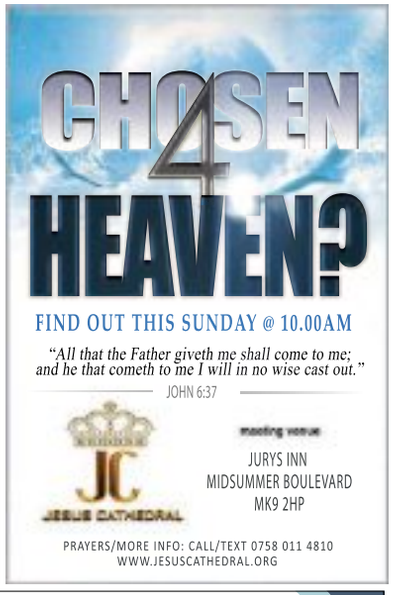

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Movies Comedy Night In

Dianadisappoints

CONTROVERSY will no doubt follow the film that tries to show Diana's love affair with surgeon Dr Hasnat Khan two years before her death, but ultimately fails to capture our hearts.

Shunned by Dr Khan for being 'misleading', the awkward script and dull acting mean Naveen Andrews and Naomi Watts fail to have even a flicker of on-screen chemistry. Too much time is spent recreating famous shots while barely holding on to any facts.

It could have been redeemed if it had focused more on Diana herself, rather than the unconvincing affair that drags the film out for more than two hours.

Based on gossip with nothing new to offer, the film fails to build a true picture of a woman adored by millions.

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online for the full review and cinema times mkweb.co.uk

comedynight

A BIG night of comedy will be taking place at The Crown in Stony Stratford tomorrow.

Ian D Montfort, played by Tom Binns, will headline the gig.

The psychic from Sunderland, who had a series on BBC Radio 2 in February, mixes taking the mickey out of psychics with actually being able to do it himself.

Binns opens the gig as Ivan Brackenbury with his Hospital Radio Roadshow, complete with inappropriate records and bungled cues.

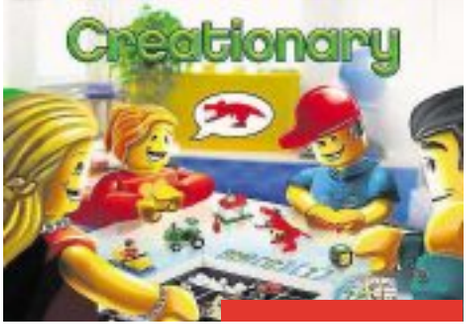
The daft, inept, yet adorable radio DJ takes the audience on a hilarious broadcasting journey.

The compere will be Paul Savage, who has performed all over Britain, while two up-and-coming comedians will also take to the stage, including Xavier Fernandez – the only Welsh-Puerto Rican comedian on the circuit.

Fernandez gains rapport with audiences through one-liners, puns, physicality, pauses, anecdotes and spontaneous fun.

Doors open at 7.30pm, last entry is at 8pm and acts begin at 8.15pm.

Email tickets@thecomedycow to buy tickets for £8.



gamereview

I HAD a go at the board game Creationary over the weekend, and as I have next to no artistic flair, I struggled big-style, writes *Scott Kirk*.

The game is basically Pictionary but instead of drawing the item given to you on a card, you have to build it out of Lego.

I plumped for the easiest option of cards and when I was given the task of building a camel, that flummoxed me.

We played without a time limit, which I was eternally grateful for as I toiled to build a camel, which my girlfriend surprisingly guessed.

Meanwhile she was happy building an absolutely awesome dragon, leaving me feeling rather useless about my creation.

An imagination is most definitely needed to play this game!

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queentribute

IT'S a kind of magic with a leading Queen tribute band at Wilton Hall.

King of Queen will be taking to the stage on Saturday, October 5.

Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £25 from Wilton Hall on 01908 372277.

twomartins

MARTIN and Martin share more than just the same name.

Jazz guitarist Martin Taylor teams up with acoustic and slide guitar virtuoso Martin Simpson to add to each other's songs and take them to new levels.

They play The Stables at 8pm on Sunday. Tickets cost £18.50 from www.stables.org

fridaycinema

KIDS on Slope 2012 comes to MK Gallery's pop-up cinema on Friday.

The film (certificate 12) comes from director Shinichiro Watanabe, who was behind the classic Cowboy Bebop.

Tickets for the screening, at 7pm, cost £5 (£3 concessions) with a complimentary drink for every person who pre-books on 01908 676900.

sherlockholmes

JOE Pasquale will be coming to Milton Keynes Theatre for one night only with HA HA Holmes, The Hound of Baskerville.

Comedy treasure Joe will be chasing the baskerville beast as Sherlock Holmes. Tickets for the show, on Tuesday at 7.30pm, cost from £18-£24 and can be bought at www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

rollerderby

MK ROLLER Derby will be held at Bletchley Leisure Centre.

Doors open at 3pm and tickets cost £8 for adults on the day and £5 if pre-booked. Under 12s are £3 and under 5s are free. Buy your ticket at www.miltonkeynes rollerderby.com

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Oldbrook

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This four-bedroom property is near first, middle and secondary schools, thecentre:mk, parkland and the railway station with its links to London Euston and the north.

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Outside there is a good size, private back garden and a double garage approached by a driveway providing off-road parking for three to four cars.

Over the past few years, the property has been much improved to include a new boiler that serves the gas radiator central heating and hot water, full replacement PVCu double glazing and a quality refitted kitchen and bathroom.

This great family home, on the market for £289,995, really must be viewed to fully appreciate all it has to offer. Call Ryan Daniel Estate Agents on 01908 234111.

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£875,000

Aspley Guise

- Victorian Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Approximately 1/2 Acre Plot
- Period Features
- Multiple Reception Rooms
- Double Garage with Driveway

An exceptional Victorian home in the heart of Aspley Guise. Set within a secluded plot of approximately 1/2 an acre this charming house is steeped in history, with many an anecdote to be told.

£875,000

Furzton

- Detached Home
- Six Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Double Garage
- Large Rear Garden
- Kitchen/Breakfast

An exceptional six bedroom detached, individual design, family home in this quiet cul-de-sac in Furzton. Includes a double garage that has been partially converted into a gym, gas central heating and a large private rear garden.

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- Double Garage
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- Master with En-Suite
- Family Bathroom

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£425,000

Monkston Park

- Detached Property
- Five Double Bedrooms
- Sought After Area of Monkston Park
- Short Walk to Local Schools & Parkland
- Kitchen/Diner & Utility Room
- Family Bathroom & En-Suite Bathroom

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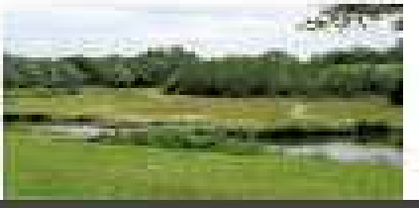

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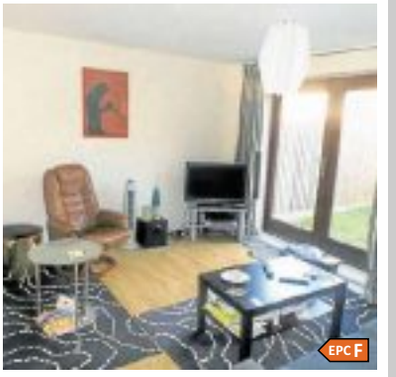

Ropley Way **£270,000**
- Four Bedrooms
- Separate Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility room
- Two En-suite
- Garden

Cranfield **£250,000**
- Four Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Separate Receptions Rooms
- Cloakroom
- Garage

Lavender Hill **£250,000**
- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Garden

Walnut Tree **£220,000**
- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Garage
- Double Glazing

Worth Court **£189,950**
- Three Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Study/Dining room
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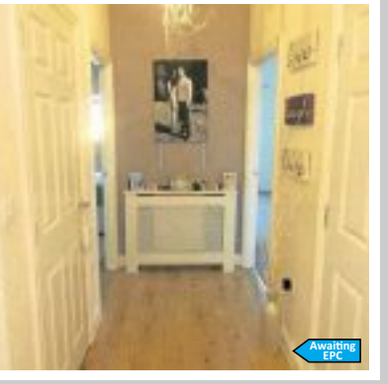

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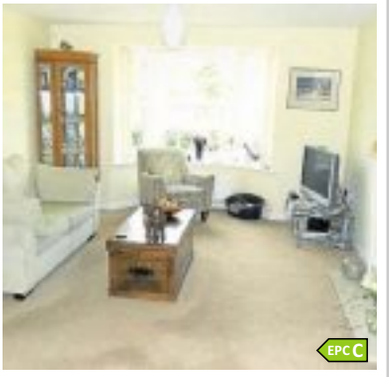

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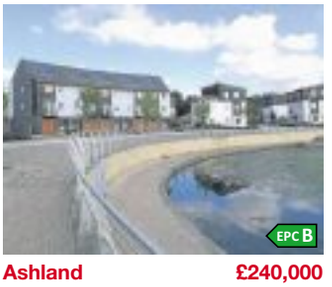

Ashland £240,000
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- Two Reception Room
- Over looking Lake
- Garage

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- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Parking
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- Central Location

Oldbrook £212,500
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room
- En-Suite
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Broughton £210,000
- Three Bedroom House
- Cul-de-Sac Location
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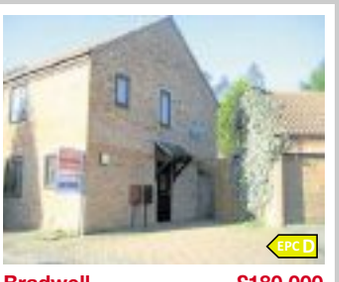

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- Three Reception Rooms
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- Easy Access to Town Centre
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Bletchley **£75,000**

- 50% Shared Ownership
- Two Bedroom Maisonette
- Ground Floor
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Bathroom
- Popular Location
- Walking Distance to Train Station
- Allocated Parking

Westcroft **£419,950**

- Stunning Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Double Garage

Oberon Way **£274,950**

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garage
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Tattenhoe **£310,000**

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms

Woburn Sands **£274,999**

- Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Gardens & Garage

Furzton **£175,000**

- SOLD - Similar Properties Required
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner

Westcroft **£70,000**

- First Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Balcony
- Kitchen/Lounge

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- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
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Whittlebury **£300,000**

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- Refurbished Inside
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- Front & Rear Gardens

Stony Stratford **£190,000**

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
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- Character Property
- Enclosed Rear Garden

Hilltops **£160,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Dining Area
- Utility Room
- Viewing Recommended

Potterspury **£150,000**

- Three Bedrooms House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Popular Location

Stony Stratford **£120,000**

- One Bedroom Maisonette
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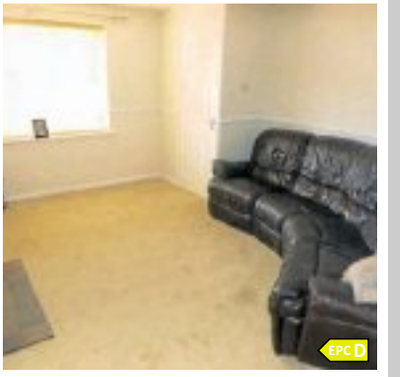
Hanslope **£245,000**
- Detached Thatched Cottage
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Original Exposed Beams
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge/Dining Room



Bradville **OIEO £185,000**
- Well Presented
- Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner

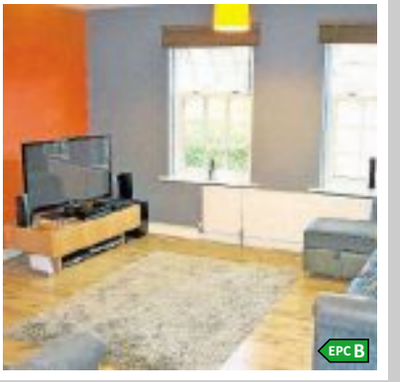
Hanslope **OIEO £170,000**
- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- No Chain
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garden

Stacey Bushes **£140,000**
- Three Bedroom Property
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Off Road Parking
- Garden

Newport Pagnell **£200,000**
- Bay Fronted End Terraced House
- Close to Town Centre
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented
- Garden

Hanslope **£190,000**
- Three Bedroom House
- Semi Detached
- Very Well Presented
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Giffard Park **£180,000**
- Three Bedroom End Terraced
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended



Milton Keynes **£62,000**
- Shared Ownership
- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Ground Floor
- Well Presented
- Resident Parking

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Oldbrook £170,000

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Conniburrow £150,000

Semi detached three bedroom property with garage in Conniburrow, Milton Keynes. The property briefly comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden and garage with driveway.

Tinkers Bridge £130,000

SIMILAR REQUIRED Three double bedroom property which is stamp duty exempt and offered with no upper chain. Outside there is a carport and well kept rear garden with patio area and lawn.

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Downhead Park £70,000

First floor apartment available on a shared ownership scheme in the popular area of Downhead Park. Offers two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen/diner/living room with balcony and off road parking.

Oldbrook £225,000

Four bedroom detached property in Oldbrook comprising lounge, dining room, utility room, master with en-suite, bathroom, off road parking and front and rear gardens.

Downs Barn £215,000

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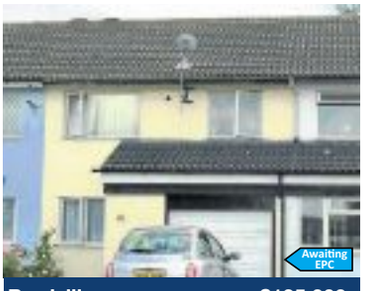
Oldbrook £200,000

Three bedroom semi detached property within walking distance of the city centre. The property offers lounge/diner, bathroom, kitchen, front and rear gardens, garage and off road parking.

Bradville £185,000

Three bedroom link detached property situated on the well established Bradville development. The property has been fully refurbished and benefits from a re-fitted kitchen and bathroom.



Bradville £135,000

Three bedroom property with a garage in close proximity of Milton Keynes City Centre. Includes entrance hall, kitchen, lounge/diner, bathroom, off road parking and front and rear gardens.

New Bradwell £130,000

Located in the sought after location of Wooton Court, New Bradwell, is this well presented two bedroom apartment within walking distance of the Great River Ouse.

Westcroft £67,500

Located in the sought after location of Cliveden Place, Westcroft, is this well presented two double bedrooms ground floor apartment offered on the popular shared ownership scheme.

Emerson Valley £48,000

Two bedroom first floor maisonette available on the shared ownership scheme. Available as a 35% share and includes family bathroom, open plan kitchen/dining/living with an allocated parking space.

Broughton £48,000

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Newport Pagnell £399,995

Impressive 'Broxwood' style four bedroom detached house, set on an impressive plot on one of the most sought after roads in Newport Pagnell. With flexible accommodation throughout, this home is perfect for any family and offers outstanding primary and secondary school catchment.

Milton Keynes £260,000

Beautiful three bedroom detached house with accommodation comprising kitchen/dining room, lounge, conservatory, master with en-suite, family bathroom, garden and driveway.

Willen £167,500

Two bedroom house benefits from short walks to local shops, lake and coachway. To the rear, the home boasts a generous garden and to the front there is also a lawned garden, so green thumbed enthusiasts take note.

Newport Pagnell £270,000

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Kents Hill £165,000

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Newport Pagnell £160,000

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Giffard Park £180,000

Well presented three bedroom family home. The house offers catchment to brilliant schools and boasts amazing walks along the Grand Union Canal and easily maintained garden.

Newport Pagnell £200,000

Three bedroom character property situated in the historic town of Newport Parnell. The property boasts two bay windows and character throughout.

Willen £260,000

This wonderfully presented detached family home is situated in the extremely sought after location of Willen, offering short walks to the lake and local shops.

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- UPVC d/g conservatory
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- Lounge through dining room
- Cul-de-sac location
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating D

WOLVERTON £159,995

- 3 bedrooms
- Double fronted mid terrace
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Kitchen/diner
- Rear garden approx. 100ft.
- Scope for further improvement
- No upper chain
- Energy rating C

WOLVERTON £185,000

- 4 bedrooms
- Double bay mid terrace
- Upstairs bathroom
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Lounge through dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Single garage to the rear
- No upper chain
- Energy Rating E

WOLVERTON £155,000

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- Semi detached
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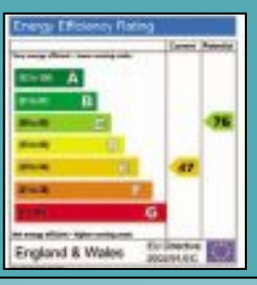

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Shenley Brook End £885,000

- Semi Detached
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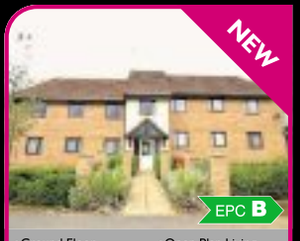
- Good Size Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Bletchley £175,000



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- Ground Floor
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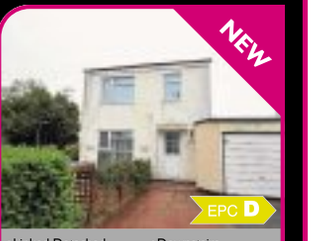
Campbell Park £125,000



- Linked Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Bathroom
- Garage & Gardens

Stantonbury £125,000

- Immaculate
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Redborne is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Further information and an application form can be found on our website (www.redborne.com) or you can also obtain this information from Lou Ellis (Headteacher's P.A.) at the school.

Closing Date: Wednesday 2nd October, 2013 at noon

Redborne is a successful school that achieves excellent examination results, with 90% of students gaining 5A - C grades at GCSE (typically over 70% including Maths and English). 'A' Level results are also very good with 61% of passes at 'A*', 'A' or 'B' grades and an overall pass rate of 99%. About 80% of the Sixth Form go on to university and each year a number of students get into Oxbridge. The school is well regarded and popular, situated in a very pleasant area of Central Bedfordshire, within easy reach of London. The school's most recent OFSTED report was excellent and we were graded as "outstanding". Redborne is also a National College Leadership Development School and a Leading Edge School.*

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Older People's Outreach Alcohol Worker, asc Bedford
37 hrs pw, £20,904 p.a. subject to continued funding

We are looking for a self-motivating individual who is able to work independently and under their own initiative with those aged 55 and over in outreach settings across Bedfordshire. A tactful communicator with excellent interpersonal skills you will be promoting the safer drinking message effectively to professionals and the over 55's via interactive information points, alcohol awareness workshops and 1-1 brief intervention sessions. You will also have an eye for detail and be able to monitor, review and evaluate the service that you are delivering. Own transport is essential for this role.

Alcohol Trainer, (asc Luton and Bedfordshire)
37 hrs pw, £20,904 p.a. subject to continued funding

We are looking for a passionate and professional individual to promote, deliver and evaluate specialist alcohol training to professionals across Luton. We need an effective communicator who can promote the safer drinking message effectively to professionals and public alike. With an eye for detail you will be able to monitor, review and evaluate the service you are delivering.

2 x Administrator (asc Luton and Bedford)
1 x 37 hrs pw (Luton), 1 x 30 hrs pw (Bedford), salary £15,500 p.a, pro rata
subject to continued funding

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In return we offer comprehensive training and an attractive benefits package. For an application pack tel: 01582 723434 or email: administration@alcohol-services.co.uk.

All successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Closing date: Friday 4th October 2013 5pm

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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 3rd October, 2013

The Main Hall

Presentations at 6.30pm / 7.15pm / 8.00pm

Redborne is a popular, friendly school with excellent facilities and is highly respected within our community. In our most recent OFSTED Report we were judged an "outstanding school". We are proud of our academic success and our exam results this year are again excellent at GCSE and 'A' Level. Our extensive programme of extra-curricular activities include Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Drama, Dance, Music and Sports.

At the Open Evening you will have the opportunity to hear a short presentation, tour the school, meet the teaching staff and see our students at work. The evening is primarily for admission to Year 9 next year. We will be holding a separate Opportunities in the Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 17th October, 2013, at 7.00pm. Main School and Sixth Form Prospectuses are on our website (www.redborne.com).

As a result of building work, our capacity has been increased from 340 to 380 students for Year 9 from September, 2014.

If you would like to look around Redborne during the day, please telephone the school to make an appointment, these tours will take place after 3rd October. You will be most welcome.

REDBORNE UPPER SCHOOL

Flitwick Road, Ampthill, Bedfordshire MK45 2NU
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Email: admin@redborne.beds.sch,uk

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SPONNE SCHOOL
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Sponne is an Outstanding Music & Science Academy
with some 1250 students aged 11-18 on roll.
We currently have the following support staff vacancy for January 2014.

Head of Learning Resources Centre
37 hours per week, 40 weeks per year
Salary – Grades H- I, Pts 23-32, £18,269-£23,977 pro rata (£20,319-27,214 FTE)

A rare opportunity to join the successful Education Support team at Sponne and provide leadership to the Learning Resource Centre. The LRC is an established resource base for staff and students combining traditional library facilities with IT, careers guidance, audio visual resources and provides valuable support to research, reading and literacy skills across the school.

We are seeking an energetic and enthusiastic professional to lead the team and build on the excellent work already established with our students. Duties will include leading library lessons and working with the Faculty Learning Leaders to embed Literacy and love of reading across the school as well as the more technical aspects of running a busy and vibrant LRC.

The Governors of Sponne School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

All information relevant to this post, including further details and an application form can be found on our website www.sponne.org.uk. Alternatively, please contact the Headteacher's PA, Coral Bird, at the school. Telephone: (01327) 350284 Facsimile No: (01327) 359061 cbird@sponne.org.uk.

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Clerk to the Governing Body

To provide admin support in relation to the Governing Body including the following:

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- Ensuring that relevant paperwork and information for Governors and Committee members is circulated in accordance with regular deadlines.
- Maintaining correct membership records, and systems for all governor correspondence.
- You should have access to computer facilities and be computer literate.
- Due to the nature of the post, you will also be expected to keep and respect confidentiality.
- Training, induction and support will be provided.
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- Good communication and organisational skills are essential.

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For further details and an application form please contact Mrs S Bradley, PA to Headteacher at Cardinal Newman Catholic School, Warden Hill Road, Luton, LU2 7AE, tel: 01582 597125 or email: cardinal.newman.admin@luton.gov.uk

Closing date: 14 October 2013. **Ref: 100264**
Interview date: w/c 21 October 2013.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.
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We value equality because quality services need the best people - from the whole community.

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offer the highest standard of education and pastoral care. We are looking for colleagues to join our lively support team for the following post:

Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator

Salary: £18,000 – 25,267 pa
Hours: 30-37 hours a week but with time in lieu for trips. Hours to be agreed on an annual basis but will include 3.30pm to 5.30pm, 2 days a week, to support PE team events, weekends and weeks in some school holidays

We are looking to appoint a Duke of Edinburgh Award enthusiast, with significant experience and excellent administrative, people skills and a commitment to the highest standards of care and safety, to take over the running of our extensive and vibrant programme. This role requires someone who is flexible and willing to work weekends and some school holidays. Ideally we would also like the person to support PE in a technician role.

If you want to join our school, details and an application form are available on our website www.ousedale.org.uk via email to recruitment@ousedale.org.uk or by applying to Mrs Sue Carbert, Headteacher at the address shown below. Application Forms only will be accepted – please do not send in CVs.

Closing date: 3pm – Monday, 7th October 2013

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The Grove, Newport Pagnell, Bucks MK16 0BJ
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E-mail: recruitment@ousedale.org.uk | Headteacher: Mrs S Carbert

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Interviews: 7th October 2013

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Field Services Engineer

£22,000 - £24,000 **Ref: 50019703**

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This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries, please contact Peter Firth on 01908 254211.

Field Services Engineer (VDI)

£15,500
Fixed term for 6 weeks **Ref: 50020298**

We're looking for a technically-minded IT professional to help us roll out our new computer system. You'll be responsible for delivering Virtual Desktop Terminals to replace PCs within the organisation, and getting multi-function printers up and running. Knowledge of Windows 7, strong customer service skills and a full driving licence will be essential. You must also be able to multi-task, work unsupervised and keep good, accurate records and documentation.

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Service Desk Support Technician

£15,000 **Ref: 50019714**

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Closing date: 13 October 2013.

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Senior Residential Worker

Westminster House, Bletchley
£21,067 - £25,727 **Ref: 50011328**

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We're looking for an experienced residential care professional qualified to at least NVQ level 3/diploma level to join our team. You'll need to be well-versed in care planning, team mentoring, multi-agency working and communicating with children, families, colleagues and other professionals in a variety of settings and situations. Applicants need to have a flexible approach, access to their own vehicle and a willingness to work a range of shift patterns.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries, please contact Estea Fourie on 01908 376844.

Sheltered Housing Officer

£17,980 - £21,734 (pro rata for part time)
37 hours **Ref: 50011192**
30 hours **Ref: 50011185**

Monday - Friday Primarily you will be working on your own within a Sheltered Housing scheme providing support, advice and encouragement to Older People whilst being approachable, enthusiastic, and sympathetic.

The role is to promote and encourage the independence of tenants, enabling tenants within the schemes and in the wider community to develop and participate in a varied range of social activities.

You will be responsible for maintaining thorough and accurate records for each tenant including Individual Support Plans and providing performance data and information. The service is accreditated to the Code of Practice for Suported Housing and all Officers are responsible for the scheme portfolios and ensuring the service is delivered to the highest standard.

You will ensure the environment conforms to health and safety standards liasing with contractors, repairs and external agencies keeping up to date risk assessments and records. You will offer a flexible approach to provide a quality service across the borough.

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Closing date: 13 October 2013.

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Bedford Borough Council

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MPS
Commencing 4 November 2013 until 23 July 2014

Year 2 Teaching Assistant

Level 3
Scale 3A, Point 15
27.5 hours a week

Commencing 4 November 2013 to cover maternity leave in the first instance with a possible extension

We are looking to appoint the following staff both of whom should share our ethos of celebrating success, striving for academic excellence and raising children's self-esteem.

We are looking for an experienced, committed and hard-working teacher with excellent teaching skills who is positive and enthusiastic and keen to play a full role within the school.

We are also looking for an experienced TA with excellent communication skills to support children's learning.

Visits are welcome by arrangement.

For further details about both roles please download an application pack from our website: www.putnoeprimaryschool.co.uk or request one from the school.

Alternatively please contact Eileen Hoare, Office Manager on tel: 01234 303400 or email: ptgo@schools.bedfordshire.gov.uk

Closing date for both roles: 30 September 2013.
Class Teacher interview date: 7 October 2013.
TA interview date: 4 October 2013.

Ridgeway Special
Hill Rise, Kempston, Beds MK42 7EB

Teacher

Full-time
MPS
1 SEN Point, TLR

Ridgeway is an all age specialist school for children with physical disabilities and associated learning needs.

We are seeking to recruit a suitably qualified, vibrant and enthusiastic primary teacher to work with a small class group of children who have a physical disability and significant learning needs.

Experience of working with such children would be an advantage but is not essential.

You will be flexible and resilient and able to adopt a broad range of teaching styles to meet the complex needs of our pupils.

You will teach in KS1 and 2 and should be willing to co-ordinate a subject throughout the school for which a TLR will be payable.

Interested applicants are welcomed and encouraged to visit the school on Tuesday 8 October 2013 (9.30am-11.30am). Please inform the school of your intention to attend.

For further details and an application pack please contact Joyce Webb on tel: 01234 402402 or email: joyce.webb@ridgeway.bedssch.co.uk

Closing date: 11 October 2013 at 1.00 p.m.
Interview date: 18 October 2013.

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Demonstrable experience in an enforcement role is essential along with the ability to establish facts using investigation techniques and take to appropriate action within procedures and powers. You must also have knowledge of the Refuse Disposal Amenity Act 1978, Environmental Protection Act 1990 & Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

Closing date: 8 October 2013. **Ref: 100278**

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Rickley Lane, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 6EW

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Headteacher: Glenn Booth

Rickley Park Primary School requires:

Teaching Assistants (Temporary)

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Rickley Park Primary School is a co-operative academy with high aspirations, high expectations and consistently high standards.

The governors are seeking to employ three teaching assistants on fixed term contracts to work with named SEN children. Experience of working with children with Special Educational Needs would be a significant advantage.

For more details, and an information pack, please contact the School Office on (01908) 372979.

Closing date Monday 7th October 2013

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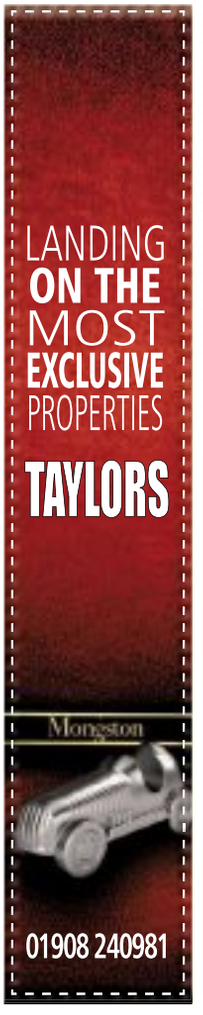

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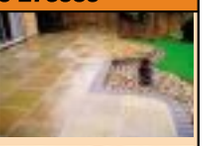

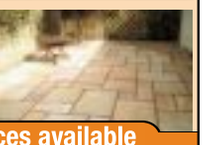

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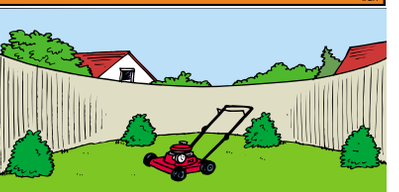

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THE M1 MOTORWAY (SOUTH OF JUNCTION 14 TO JUNCTION 15) (TEMPORARY 50 MILES PER HOUR SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 201_

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M1 Motorway in Milton Keynes, to provide a safe working environment for the workforce whilst carriageway resurfacing and routine maintenance works are carried out.

The works are expected to take place overnight (10pm to 6am weekdays only) starting on or after Monday 21 October 2013 and to last for 2 weeks.

The effect of the Order would be to impose a speed limit of 50 miles per hour, in conjunction with lane closures and hard shoulder running, on the –

- M1 southbound carriageway from a point 650 metres south of Forest Road, Hartwell overbridge for a distance of 15200 metres south, and
- M1 northbound carriageway from a point 12000 metres south of the entry slip road at J14 for a distance of 15200 metres north.

The temporary mandatory speed limit (which would not apply to emergency service or special forces vehicles) would be clearly indicated by traffic signs for the duration of the works.

The Order would come into force on 14 October 2013 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS (PARTS), HAVERSHAM) (40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposed order will affect all classes of vehicle.

The effect of the order is to introduce two 40 mph speed restrictions along the following lengths of roads in Haversham:-

- The un-named road which links High Street and Wolverton Road, from a point approximately 32 metres west of the centre point of its junction with the entrance to Crossroads Farm, for a distance of approximately 611 metres in an easterly direction;
- High Street, from a point approximately 110 metres north-east of the centre point of its junction with Mill Road for a distance of approximately 601 metres in a south-westerly direction.

A copy of the proposed order and map and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, at Wolverton Library, Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5LY, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be made in writing and sent to the undersigned to be received no later than 16 October 2013 quoting reference BAS-P&E-8007-2239.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 25 September 2013 made the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order, which comes into force on 3 October 2013, affects all classes of vehicle and has the following effects:-

1. The introduction of coded residents' permit parking places within parts of South Fifth Street and South Row, Central Milton Keynes for use by those residents, and their visitors and carers, of Petersfield Green who display a relevant and valid permit, the whole 24 hours of every day;
2. The introduction of coded resident's permits, coded visitor's permit scratch cards and coded carer's permits for residents of Petersfield Green, for use within permit parking places along parts of South Fifth Street and South Row, Central Milton Keynes the whole 24 hours of every day;
3. The revocation of the existing Order made on 30th April 2009 which introduced some resident, visitor and carer permit parking in part of South Fifth Street;
4. The revocation of the existing Order made on 4th April 2013 which introduced some resident, visitor and carer permit parking in part of South Row.

All vehicles are affected by this Order except for motorcycles and mopeds.

Exemptions from the Order include emergency service vehicles and military vehicles on operational duties, statutory undertakers, some loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Order together with a map showing the areas referred to, along with a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order, and Orders to be revoked, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (ALLEYWAY, PEEL ROAD, WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the restrictions brought into effect under the provisions of the above Order, which was made by the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes on 22 April 2013 under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, will be extended beyond the date previously notified, to allow further time for the installation of new water connections to the rear of numbers 28 and 30 Peel Road, Wolverton to be completed.

TAKE NOTICE that it is intended to temporarily prohibit access to and along part of the alleyway to the rear of numbers 24 – 32 (and all even numbers inclusive) Peel Road, Wolverton from Monday 30 September 2013 until Wednesday 2 October 2013 for 24 hours every day.

The alternative route for all traffic will be to proceed via Aylesbury Street and Peel Road and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles.

All other provisions of the Order remain as previously notified on 22 April 2013.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (FOOTPATH 23 (PART) LOUGHTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to an unforeseen delay to the commencement of works, the restrictions brought into effect under the provisions of the above Order, which was made by the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes on 26 June 2013 under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 will be extended beyond the date previously notified, to allow further time for all works to be completed.

TAKE NOTICE that it is intended to temporarily prohibit access to and along that part of Footpath 23, Loughton situated between Bradwell Road and The Green from its junction with The Green continuing for a distance of approximately 49 meters, to a point where Footpath 23 meets the Redway between Bradwell Road and The Green, in order for works to be carried out on the footbridge from 3 October 2013 to 30 October 2013 for 24 hours every day, however if the works are completed earlier the footbridge may be re-opened sooner if it is safe to do so.

Whilst the above footpath is closed the alternative route will be via Bradwell Road and The Green and vice versa.

The footpath closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles. Pedestrian access to premises and properties shall be maintained throughout the closure.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance of the closure.

All other provisions of the Order remain as previously notified on 26 June 2013.

25 September 2013

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The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/01912/FUL	Single storey rear extension at 1 River Close, Newport Pagnell.
13/01945/FUL	Conversion of two storey property with basement to 2 x one bed flats and 1 x two bed flat at 46 Anson Road, Wolverton.
13/01946/FUL	First floor extension above existing attached garage and study at 16C Clover Close, Loughton.
13/01950/TCA	Notification of intention to fell one Crab Apple tree and one Cherry tree at Westcott House, Common Street, Ravenstone.
13/01951/TCA	Notification of intention to remove 1 x Prunus tree at The Manse Cottage, 32 High Street, Stoke Goldington.
13/01976/TCA	Notification of intention to fell 1 x Cedar tree at 6 Brickhill Manor Court, Little Brickhill.
13/01977/FUL	Replacement first floor window to front elevation at 89 Western Road, Wolverton.
13/01983/TCA	Notification of intention to crown and thin by 30% the group of trees along the entrance way at entrance to Newman's Close, Great Linford.
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/01958/LBC	Listed building consent for minor alterations, under floor heating to kitchen and conservatory at Stratford House, Mill Lane, Stony Stratford.

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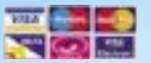

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CRICKET

AN UNBEATEN 53 from number nine Alex Strong helped Stony Stratford draw against Burton Latimer.

He struck eight fours and a six as Stony scored 167-8 in their final Northamptonshire Premier League match.

Opener Tom Moore's 28 was the only other respectable score from the top-order batsmen as Stony fell to 58-6.

Sean Rebbetts' 21 and 13 not out from Steve Bellew helped the Campbell Park outfit hold on. Stony were replying to Burton's 215-8, with Strong also the pick of the bowlers thanks to his 2-32.

It means Stony finished the season third from bottom with 192 points.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town were knocked out of the FA Vase at the second qualifying round stage after they succumbed to a 3-2 defeat at Hillingdon, who snatched a late winner.

It was a frustrating day for the Swans after Rob Byron's 12th minute goal had Hillingdon ahead at half time.

Lee Jones headed Newport level five minutes into the second half and they took the lead through Derek Brown on the hour.

Rob Laney equalised after 70 minutes and Newport, reduced to ten men by a sending off for Steve Brooks, conceded an 89th minute winner to Rob Bradwell.

In Division One of the United Counties League, Jason Goldman scored for Olney Town but Lutterworth Athletic were always in the lead in the tie and won 2-1.

In Division One of the Spartan South Midlands Football League, Stony Stratford Town lost 2-1 to Southall.

Wolverton Town beat Willen 9-4 in the Division Two Cup first round, with Old Bradwell United beating Aston Clinton 4-0 and New Bradwell St Peter losing 3-0 at Grendon Rangers.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Hockey Club Ladies drew 3-3 in their first game of the season against PHC Chiswick Ladies.

They continue their South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 3A campaign against Oxford Hawks Seconds next week.

Milton Keynes men play Eastbourne away in the Premier Division next Saturday.

ATHLETICS

A SUPERB win in Derby at the Hammer Decathlon gave Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club's Paige Barnes a UK F15 best total of 3402 points.

In the tournament she threw 10 different weights from 2kg to 12.5kg.

At the other end of the age scale M70 Jack Kee also won, while taking the M17 silver medal was Lewis Barnes and there was a bronze for M55 Mike Burling.

Eleven teams from the club contested the South of England AA Road Relays at Aldershot. In a tough competition the Senior Men worked hard for 62nd finishing in 2h 10m 52s.

The two Senior Women's teams had their own private contest with the A Squad finishing 43rd in 64m 19s while the B team came in only seven places and just over three minutes behind.

A great run by Wendy Webber won her the Leighton Buzzard 10 (mile) women's title while the club's men grabbed second in the team event with the women third.

GOLF

BRIAN Harvey and Jackie Boon have reclaimed the Men's and Ladies' Club Championships they both respectively won in 2012 at Abbey Hill Golf Centre.

The Ladies nett champion, winning the Rosebowl, was 23-handicapper Barbara Underwood and the Men's nett champion, scoring six under, was Andy Fennemore.

DONS

Robbo proud as Dons keep their discipline

BY SCOTT KIRK

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MK DONS manager Karl Robinson says he was proud of the way his players conducted themselves in the feisty 2-1 derby loss to Peterborough United on Saturday.

None of his men were even yellow-carded in a game which saw two Posh players given an early bath, and Robinson said discipline was something he was trying to work on at the club, not only from his players, but from himself too.

"We didn't moan about anything and they were very classy," said the Liverpudlian.

"It's a lot more of a relaxed and grounded MK Dons this season and I'm so proud of the way they've conducted themselves.

"That discipline is also something I felt I had to be conscious about. My emotions used to get the better of me.

"I'm calmer on the touchline, smiling, speaking to officials, and you get carried away sometimes but the staff have been good and the players have taken that on so they've been a credit."

Robinson was frustrated at not getting at least a point from Posh, and he thinks his side should have calmed the game down when Peterborough had Nathaniel Knight-Percival dismissed for striking Patrick Bamford after just six minutes.

"When they got a man sent off we stoked the fire a little bit and we should have killed it," he said.

"We had 80 minutes to score two or three goals.

"We just didn't take our chances so we're frustrated and disappointed but we're in the right mindset and now looking forward to Stevenage on Saturday."

POSH DEFEAT: Patrick Bamford battles for the ball at London Road

Samir Carruthers is a doubt for the weekend after picking up a neck injury at Peterborough, but Robinson thinks Bamford should be able to dust himself off despite being subjected to a number of tough challenges.

Robinson is now looking for his side to kick on and win games.

"We're in a good position but it's only a good position if you move forward in the next four games," he said. "It's a useless position if you don't win a few games.

"Up to now we have a good base. It's not outstanding, it's good, but with the players we've had out it's better than I thought it would be."

RUGBY LEAGUE

MK man Tomkins moves to NZ

MILTON Keynes born Sam Tomkins has become the world's most expensive rugby league player after signing for New Zealand Warriors from Wigan.

The 2012 Super League Man of Steel will leave at the end of this season, and the fee surpasses the £450,000 Wigan paid for Stuart Fielden in 2006.

"This has been a very difficult decision to make but it is now perfect timing for me to make the switch to the National Rugby League," said Tomkins.

"It is something in my career I have always wanted to do and this agreement with the Warriors also allows me to return back to Wigan in the future."

Tomkins has scored 144 tries in 150 appearances for Wigan, and still had three years left to run on his contract.

He is also the honorary president of MK Wolves, and has a keen interest in the club.

Pete Nuttall from the Wolves says he does not think that Tomkins' move to Auckland will mean he will forget about the city outfit.

"I think he is going to be fantastic over there," said Nuttall.

"He is world-class and quite a few players struggle when they first move over to the NRL, but I think Tomkins has the skill to succeed so I don't think he'll have many issues at all."

Nuttall did say he would have liked Tomkins to stay in the Super League because he wanted to see the best English players stay in this country, but he also praised the full back for not moving into rugby union or going Down Under earlier.

"It's great for him but as someone who loves English rugby league I really enjoyed watching him play so now we'll have to watch him on TV," said Nuttall.

"Sam has had plenty of opportunities to go in the past but he has seen out his time with Wigan.

"I don't think him moving to New Zealand will make him forget about the Wolves and he has really helped us in raising the profile of our club by being involved as he has."

Tomkins moved from MK to Chorley, Lancs, as a child.

MK Dons Head of Coaching GARY WADDOCK writes exclusively for MK News every week

PAOLO Di Canio got sacked from Sunderland this week and I think this is an interesting one.

He went in there last season and I think at the time it was one of those which was a bit of a gamble.

Obviously the gamble hasn't paid off.

He has brought in a lot of players during the summer and we went up to Sunderland this season in the Capital One Cup. We played very well up there but didn't get the result our performance deserved, and obviously a Premier League club should be beating a League One club.

For large parts of that game we were the better side.

When Sunderland made the appointment I think there were problems straight away – he is somebody that is always in the media and it hasn't worked out for him there.

Maybe at that level you have to manage players differently and perhaps his man-management style wasn't suited to the Premier League.

The club have made a decision early enough but they have brought in Paolo Di Canio's players so whoever takes on that job has to work with what he's got.

The run of games they have coming up won't be easy so any new manager they bring in needs to make an impact.

For starters they will have had a tough game against Peterborough last night in the Capital One Cup.

From our defeat to Posh on Saturday I think we just needed a bit of luck – it's always difficult against tenww and then nine men but we created chances and didn't take them.

I lost count of the number of attempts we had on goal but it just wasn't to be.

We were disappointed because it was a good opportunity to win, but you've got to give them credit and their goalkeeper had a great game.

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2	Peterborough	8	3	0	1	5	4	3	1	0	14	4	+11	19
3	Wolves	8	3	0	1	9	4	3	1	0	6	2	+9	19
4	Preston	8	2	2	0	7	3	2	2	0	8	4	+8	16
5	Rotherham	8	2	2	0	8	5	2	2	0	7	5	+5	16
6	Bradford	8	3	1	0	12	2	1	2	1	5	5	+10	15
7	Walsall	8	1	2	1	5	6	3	0	1	5	1	+3	14
8	DONS	8	2	2	0	7	4	1	2	1	4	4	+3	13
9	Crawley	8	2	1	1	8	7	1	2	1	7	6	+2	12
10	Brentford	8	2	1	1	4	3	1	2	1	6	9	-2	12
11	Swindon	8	3	1	0	11	4	0	1	3	3	7	+3	11
12	Colchester	8	1	2	1	4	4	1	2	1	4	5	-1	10
13	Port Vale	8	2	1	1	7	7	1	0	3	4	7	-3	10
14	Shrewsbury	8	1	2	1	3	2	0	3	1	4	7	-2	8
15	Carlisle	8	1	0	3	2	10	1	2	1	4	6	-10	8
16	Oldham	8	1	1	2	4	4	1	0	3	8	10	-2	7
17	Crewe	8	1	2	1	7	9	0	1	3	1	9	-10	6
18	Stevenage	8	0	1	3	5	9	1	1	2	1	4	-7	5
19	Tranmere	8	0	2	2	6	12	1	0	3	3	7	-10	5
20	Coventry	8	3	1	0	13	9	1	1	2	9	7	+6	4
21	Bristol City	8	0	2	2	4	8	0	2	2	9	11	-6	4
22	Sheff Utd	8	1	1	2	3	4	0	0	4	2	9	-8	4
23	Notts County	8	1	0	3	4	6	0	1	3	4	11	-9	4
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Coventry deducted ten points.

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ICE HOCKEY

The Sky's the limit

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MK LIGHTNING'S season at the Coventry Skydome started in the best possible fashion with two wins despite the first team only having two training sessions to prepare for the new campaign.

First up was a tough encounter against last year's English Premier League and Cup champions Guildford Flames, and Tom Carlon sent Lightning's temporary home into raptures as he struck in overtime to secure an exciting 5-4 win.

Next up for Lightning was a trip to Bracknell Bees, which saw Lightning 2-0 down by the end of the first period.

But they bagged six unanswered goals to overcome the Bees 6-2, giving Lightning a perfect four-point weekend.

Captain Adam Carr said the side still had work to do, but he was pleased with the victories.

"It was really good," said Carr.

"We've got a lot of things to work on but it really is a promising start, especially beating the league winners from last year.

"We need more time on the ice but it bodes well for the season."

CAPTAIN FANTASTIC: Adam Carr was pleased with his side's wins

Carr added that he was surprised at the number of fans who made the trip to Coventry and he thanked them for making the arena Lightning's home for the upcoming season due to refurbishment at the city's Planet Ice.

"The travel to the Skydome wasn't as bad as what I thought it would be," the skipper said.

"It's a really nice rink to play in and the fans were really loud - I couldn't believe how many turned up."

Next weekend sees the Lightning play a double-header against Basingstoke Bison home and away. The Saturday match at the Skydome begins at 7.30pm, while face-off on Sunday is at 5.30pm in Hampshire.

Ross Bowers opened the scoring for MK in the game against Guildford before new import forward Stan Lascek scored.

Bransilav Kvetan pulled a goal back before Paul Dixon put the puck in the net on 35 minutes, 49 seconds to level proceedings. Carr then put Lightning back in front after 48 minutes.

Thirty seconds later Bowers made it 4-2 but Melicherik and Ben Campbell sent the game into overtime.

Carlon however got the winner under three minutes into overtime after he was supplied by Lascek to give Lightning victory.

In Bracknell, after going two goals down through former MK player Kamil Tvrdek and Lukas Smital, Lightning recovered through Leigh Jamieson before Carlon equalised a minute later.

Jamieson put Lightning in front and then they never looked back as Blaz Emersic, Jordan Cownie and Janne Jokila scored to give the visitors the win.

RUGBY UNION

Tries flood in for hat-trick man Fountain

IT WAS a good weekend for Milton Keynes who won 37-11 against Drifters while elsewhere in the Southern Counties North Bletchley fought back to defeat Thatcham.

Fifteen minutes into the MK match and both sides had exchanged penalties but Ollie Fountain got the first try to make it 8-3, which was reduced to 8-6 after another penalty was kicked over.

After sustained pressure, scrum half Rob Lasbrey scrappily got the second try, and when Fountain made it a brace, captain Phil Powell converted to stretch MK's lead to 22-6.

Andy Poole scored with his first touch of the ball having come on as a replacement for MK but Drifters got a try back when City struggled in the scrum. But Fountain got his hat-trick with a few minutes left after a good break by Dan Pearson. City are third in the league.

Bletchley staged a superb comeback against Thatcham as they came from 13-0 down in the first half to top the table.

After a converted try and two penalties, Bletchley turned the tide when Stuart van Rooyen touched down.

Bletchley's confidence started to grow and Ben Robinson went over just before half time, with the conversion added to make it 13-12.

The Manor Fields outfit started the second half in the ascendancy and Dave Coleman received the ball from five metres out to drive over and score as they led 19-13.

Phil Harman received the ball and threw a couple of great dummies to sell the defence and score in the corner before he converted his own try to stretch the advantage to 26-13.

With nine minutes left Thatcham came back with a great converted try from their backs but Harman slotted home a penalty to make it 29-20. A penalty apiece then made the full time score 32-23.

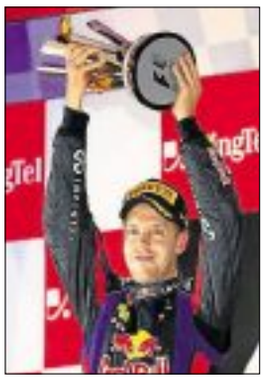
In the Midlands 2 East South hosts Olney fell behind to an unconverted try against Lutterworth but took the lead on 14 minutes when Jordan Letts broke through the rearguard and touched down under the posts after being fed by Will Edwards. Stuart Livesey added the extras to make it 7-5 but Olney were to score no further points as Lutterworth bagged another try before half time to lead 12-7 at the interval.

Steve Harrison was yellow-carded and Lutterworth took full advantage to get two further tries as they won 22-7.

Olney are now bottom with two defeats from their opening two matches.

FORMULA ONE

'Lift' penalty for Webber



VICTORY: Sebastian Vettel won again for Tilbrook's Red Bull

MARK Webber has been given a substantial grid penalty for the Korean Grand Prix after getting a lift from Fernando Alonso at the end of the Singapore Grand Prix at the weekend.

Because the incident represented Webber's third reprimand of the season, the Australian will have to start 10 places further back than wherever he qualifies in Korea on October 6.

The Australian was challenging for a podium spot until his engine caught fire and he was forced to retire on the final lap.

He was then carried back to the pits by Alonso but this is against Formula One rules.

It left Red Bull team principal Christian Horner feeling 'bittersweet' after Webber's team-mate Sebastian Vettel moved closer to a fourth consecutive title with his third straight win in Singapore.

He has opened up a 60-point lead over nearest rival Alonso after his latest success.

"It was a phenomenal performance by Sebastian," said Horner.

"It was one of his strongest ever drives, particularly after the safety car came out halfway through.

"There was huge frustration for Mark. After two hours of driving really well we could see with 12 laps to go that we began to lose water pressure.

"The water then effectively ran out at which point it is only a matter of time until the engine overheats, which is what happened on the last lap – it was cruel luck."

The seventh win of Vettel's season so far was secured almost immediately after the start.

He made a good getaway from pole position, but front-row rival Nico Rosberg started better and edged in front of the German as they approached turn one.

The Mercedes driver carried too much speed in, however, and was forced to run wide. That allowed the Championship leader to retake the lead at turn three and from there he set about building a gap.

Webber overtook Esteban Gutierrez, Nico Hulkenberg, Sergio Perez and Jenson Button to claim fourth but then he began to suffer problems and was told to short shift before his retirement.

"I think I did pretty much everything I could today," said the Aussie.

WORLD TOURING CARS

Nash leading Independents' with four to go

TWO fifth places was how it finished for James Nash after a busy day of racing in the World Touring Cars Championship at Japan's famous Suzuka circuit.

Suzuka's short circuit is a difficult place to overtake, but Nash probably executed the pass of the weekend when in race one he slipped inside Pepe Oriola's Chevrolet Cruze through the 'Esses' section while the Spaniard was trying to muscle past Gabriele Tarquini's Honda.

Starting from P5 in the opening race and P6 in the second, the results were no less than the 27 year-old city racer deserved after a solid weekend's work.

But what was most satisfying for the Bamboo Engineering Chevrolet Cruze driver was the fact that the results meant that he climbed up to fourth place in the overall driver's Championship and re-took the lead in the Yokohama Trophy for independents with just four races to go this season.

Nash said: "I'm fairly happy with the results today.

"I lost a couple of places on the rolling start in race one but got them back and in race two I enjoyed a good clean battle with my main rivals.

"With it being the business end of the season everyone now is looking at the standings so it is vital to finish first and then to finish well and despite a couple of dicey moments in race one I managed to do both today.

"Congratulations to Yvan Muller on winning the overall Championship and while Tarquini is going to be difficult to dislodge from second, there's only two points between me and Chilton for third so it's game on.

"It looks like it is possible too that I can win the Independent title at the next event in China which would be fantastic."

Race engineer Kevin Berry, who was with Nash when he won the British Touring Car Championship Independent title in 2011, has joined Nash's team the rest of the season.

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'Frustrated' Bowditch looking for bench return

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FRUSTRATED: But an injection has helped Dean Bowditch recover from the bone marrow edema which has kept him on the sidelines so far this season. Picture: Andy Handley

WINGER Dean Bowditch has revealed the full extent of the injury which has kept him out of the MK Dons starting line-up so far this season.

The club's leading goalscorer for the last two seasons could be making an appearance on the bench for Saturday's home tie against Stevenage, but he will not know until Thursday or Friday as the club's physio staff continue to monitor his injury.

After a groin operation, the former Yeovil and Ipswich Town man has been suffering from bone marrow edema – a bruising to the bone which showed up on an MRI scan.

It is that which has kept him out for longer than he thought, and after returning to training last week, Bowditch is now trying to get his fitness up.

He says his prolonged absence has been very frustrating.

"I had a groin operation in the summer to release the muscle because I had ridiculous tightness but I've had this bone marrow edema which has been causing me all sorts of problems," said the 27-year-old.

"It can go away and come back so it's been a case of trying to manage it but I think we're coming out the back of it now.

"It's frustrating. I like to go and support and wish the team well but it is frustrating watching because I just wish I'm out there, let alone thinking I can do better or I could do something different."

Bowditch admits he wants the Dons to be more prolific in front of goal, and he thinks the side have picked up too many draws in League One so far.

"This season has gone pretty well," he said.

"We've had chances but we've not turned them over into wins.

"I think we should be in the top three or four but we haven't quite finished off our chances."

Bowditch thinks that the failure to convert opportunities is putting more pressure on the side, and that teams should be finished off earlier in games.

"It's the chances early on that you forget about," he said.

"It's the ones in the first ten or 15 minutes which are the opportunities where the big Premier League teams will finish teams off and then the game's done and dusted.

"We seem to be a bit careless in those finishes early in the game so that means we're putting more pressure on ourselves later on.

"If we score a few more then we'll start winning more games.

"The lads have been playing good football but we just need to turn some of these draws into wins to push us up the table."

This season's side are a much younger bunch to the one last season, and Bowditch says that youthful energy has been a great positive for the stadiummk outfit.

He knows the squad is bigger than last season, and isn't expecting to waltz straight back into the first team on his return to action.

"We do a young against old every Friday and I'm in the old team now so I feel like an old fogey," he said.

"We have a more full squad this year whereas last year we were struggling to fill the bench at times, and that's a great thing."

Seventh heaven for Stannard as he supports Wiggins to victory

MILTON Keynes cyclist Ian Stannard came home seventh for Sky Procycling as he helped Sir Bradley Wiggins to reign supreme in the Tour of Britain.

It was Stannard's first Tour of Britain since 2009, and he formed a crucial part of the protection given to Wiggins as the four-time Olympic gold medallist secured Sky's first ever title at the country's top multi-stage race.

Stannard started the Tour as the first Sky rider home when he finished 16th in Scotland.

On the stage three time trial the former Team Keynes rider came home second behind only Wiggins – who put in a performance below 20 minutes at Knowsley Safari Park – and boosted his overall standing to second.

He continued in second, behind Wiggins, after stage four thanks to some great protection from his teammates as they cycled from Stoke to Llanberis. Josh Edmondson, Bernhard Eisel and Mathew Hayman then continued to protect Stannard and Wiggins at the top of the pile in stage five as they continued their one-two in the Caerphilly Mountains.

Stannard finished this stage ninth, still 37 seconds behind team-mate Wiggins at the top.

It was stage six that saw Stannard drop back from second overall to seventh after he struggled to cope with the finish at Haytor on Dartmoor.

Stannard held on to his seventh place by the end of the seventh stage in Guildford, and he was unable to improve on this as the race concluded in London on Sunday.

Team Sky sports director Servais Knaven said: "It's been a really good race and I've had a great team to work with. Everybody was motivated and we were able to control the race almost from beginning to end."

Next for Stannard is the World Championships road race in Tuscany on Sunday.

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